

**Second company in Chile**

## **Golden Omega obtains Green-e™ Energy certification for the use of clean energy in its operations**

*It is the first of its category in Chile to obtain this recognition, which certifies that all the processes in its plant in Arica are carried out using electric energy from renewable sources and free of carbon emissions, constituting one additional element of its strategy to consolidate a sustainable operation.*

**Arica, February 12, 2021.** Golden Omega, a Chilean company specialized in the production of high-quality Omega-3 concentrates for the global food and nutraceutical industries, recently obtained the Green-e™ Energy certification.

Green-e™ is the leading independent program in the United States for the verification and certification of renewable energy and carbon offsets, with wide recognition in international markets. In Chile, only two companies have obtained this certification, being Golden Omega the first of its kind to reach this achievement at an international level.

This step is one more in the process that began in 2018 when Golden Omega signed an agreement with the power generator Colbún S.A. which was renewed during 2020, ensuring that until 2026 the company based in Arica will use exclusively non-emission electric energy generated from renewable sources like hydropower, wind power and solar. This way, Golden Omega is fully aligned with Chile's goal of incorporating 70% of Non-Conventional Renewable Energy into the energy matrix by 2030 with the aim of reducing emissions and avoiding an increase in global warming.

**Jorge Brahm, Managing Director at Golden Omega,** explained that for the company founded at the end of 2008 it is essential that sustainability and concern for the environment play a central role in each area of its activities, both productive and commercial. Along these lines, the company sought that an external entity could prove its commitment in the use of green energy. "In the field in which Golden Omega operates, with target markets located mainly in developed countries, the concept of sustainability is fundamental. End users in the United States, Europe and Asia are very concerned about the origin of the products they consume, their manufacturing process and, by the way, where the energy used in their production comes from. This aspect is key for Golden Omega, which goes out into the world from Arica to compete with major international players in demanding markets where customers value the sustainability of our operations", the executive said.

**Jennifer Martin, Executive Director at the Center for Resource Solutions,** NGO behind the Green-e™ certification program, highlighted about the possibilities that Chile has for an effective use of clean energies, as well as the turning point represented by the process carried out by Golden Omega. "Being Chile rich in renewable energy resources such as solar and wind, national companies have a tremendous potential to differentiate their products in the markets as made 100% with renewable energy. Through this initiative, Golden Omega is setting a precedent of how to execute purchases of clean energy that are relevant in the country" she said.

**Rodrigo Sánchez, consultant for the Green-e™ program in Chile, and Commercial Manager at Energía Libre,** highlighted that "It is essential that corporate purchases of renewable electricity



really generate an additional impact on the local electricity matrix, and that these transactions are supported by a robust, independent and public standard. This is precisely what Green-e™ certification achieves”.

Finally, **Claudio Aracena, Commercial Director at Golden Omega**, indicated that the process initiated by the company is consistent with a management that has been characterized by the use of the highest technology and high-quality raw materials. "This has been ratified with other certifications such as Marin Trust, Friend of the Sea and Dolphin Safe, related to the sustainable use of fishery resources, and Orivo, which certifies that the raw material used in the processes comes exclusively from the South Pacific anchovy. In addition, Golden Omega holds the NSF International certification that accredits that it operates in accordance with the highest global good manufacturing practices for the food and nutraceutical industry” he concluded.