

Marine Renewable Future for Chile

Aquatera has held co-operation agreements with partner companies, Alakalauf and BZ Navel, in Chile since 2010 and has had a permanent presence there since 2012. Projects completed to date include feasibility and infrastructure studies for electricity companies looking to enter the marine energy market, as well as the provision of technology development support to a number of early-stage Chilean device developers. Aquatera also provides support and local representation for European technology developers who wish to enter the Chilean market.

In partnership with Heriot Watt University's International Centre for Island Technology, Aquatera is developing co-operation agreements with a number of Chilean universities, to encourage staff/student exchanges, collaborative research and cooperation on the upcoming programme to create a marine energy centre of excellence in Chile.



Juan Eduardo Orvate, MD of BZ Naval with Aquatera



Sergio Andrade, MD of Alakalauf with Aquatera



Student lecture at Valparaíso University



Gulls sitting tight despite pounding Pacific waves



Ferry crossing of the "First Narrows" across the Magellan Strait



Guanaco

Aquatera is currently working with the Chilean Ministry of Energy and Renewable Energy Centre to support the development of the Chilean government's Marine Energy Strategy. This work is financed by the British Embassy in Santiago's Prosperity Fund and is led by Aquatera, with a team of Chilean associates that includes; RODA Energía, Alakaluf, BZ Naval Engineering and ON Energy. The project includes a comparative study of the development of marine energy in Scotland and the steps required to develop Chile's potential. This is backed up by a round of consultation workshops held across Chile (in Santiago, Valparaíso, Punta Arenas and Puerto Montt) to refine and build consensus around these proposals.



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