

## PRESS VISITS PIISA

Tuesday, June 26th, the Dominican Free Zones Association (Adozona) and the Free Zone National Council of Export (CNZFE) organized a press tour to describe the operations of high-tech companies in our park. The tour began at Eaton's facility, makers and designers of breakers for the United States. Eaton develops a daily production of approximately 300,000 breakers, or about 4 million per month. Brinela Gomez, Eaton's general manager said, "The production of breakers in the Dominican Republic is competing with China and Mexico". In the tour with reporters, Brinela Gomez stated that the company's 3,500 employees have competitive salaries, in addition to covering up to 80% of their food and bus fares. Eaton also has community aid programs which benefits today 5,600 children.



Another of the companies included in the tour was ConvaTec, the ostomy care products maker, based on edge technology. This factory is headed by Brian Stoyer, employing about 300 people and with plans to expand operations. ConvaTec is also in the United Kingdom and North Carolina.

## HAINA GLOBAL DESIGN CENTER

The Haina Global Design Center mission is to offer an extensive global support to the Eaton Electrical Group on new product designs and developments, improve the legacy products and update Eaton's Web based catalogs. Since 2006, the Haina design department has given global support to Eaton Electrical Group (mainly, the Milwaukee Design Center, Pittsburgh Tech Center, Marina Power and Light documentations, ECNs, etc). Currently the Haina Global Design department is a merge between ICD and RPD-MCB divisions an with a staff of 32 highly trained individuals in their field. Some of the activities perform by the design team are:

1. Design of new products.
2. Product support and cost out design initiatives.
3. Industrialization activities.
4. Web based catalogs design and database administration.
5. Drafting efforts.
6. Product testing.

The future vision of the department is to be The Most Admired Design Center of the Electrical Division, through continuous learning, innovation and using the latest techniques to develop competitive products in the shortest time to market possible.



## HEALTH PREVENTION AT PIISA

With the aim of contributing to the health of our employees, PIISA has been conducting various activities with the participation of employees and their children. Among the activities we can mention the cardiovascular risk and cervical cancer prevention, as well as a kids activity with vaccines and dental services and programs to eliminate parasites. These activities have counted with the support of our suppliers of health services SERENA and ARS PALIC.



## EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Edwards Lifesciences Corporation, a global leader in products and technologies to treat advanced cardiovascular disease, the global leader in acute hemodynamic monitoring and the number-one heart valve company in the world, this year celebrates 50 years of acting as trusted partners with clinicians to develop life-savings innovations for patients fighting cardiovascular disease.

In 2008, Edwards also commemorates the treatment of more than 1 million patients worldwide with the company's heart valve repair and replacement technologies.

Edwards' 50-year history dates back to 1958, with the development of the first commercially available artificial heart valve by Miles "Lowell" Edwards and Dr. Albert Starr. The company built on this legacy by innovating a number of other pioneering products including the first – and only – biomechanically engineered tissue heart valve; the first heart valve repair ring; the first embolectomy catheter to remove obstructions in blood vessels; the first pulmonary artery catheter, which established the foundation for hemodynamic monitoring; and more recently, the first "beating heart" transcatheter aortic valve replacement.

Headquartered in Irvine, Calif., and with manufacturing facilities located around the world, including the Dominican Republic, Edwards treats advanced cardiovascular disease with its market-leading heart valve therapies, and critical care and vascular technologies. The company's global brands, which are sold in approximately 100 countries, include CardioVations, Carpentier-Edwards, Cosgrove-Edwards, FloTrac (manufactured at the Itabo Plant in the Dominican Republic), Fogarty, PERIMOUNT Magna and Swan-Ganz. Edwards Lifesciences takes great pride in our 50-year heritage, and the work done by our employees in the Dominican Republic and their colleagues around the world to provide treatments and hope for patients with advanced cardiovascular disease.



Swan-Ganz  
Catheters





ENVIRONMENTAL LONG WALK

## ENVIRONMENTAL

Continuing to educate our people and its community of the importance of our environment and its value, Asobal (the park tenants' association), along with PIISA organized for the 2nd time, a long walk. This event took place on Saturday, July 26th and around 250 volunteers, including employees from different companies within the park, walked around the main streets of the community of Haina.

Once again the objective of this activity has been accomplished hoping that everyday there's more conscious of the sustainable and equitable development of our natural resources and its environment.

## PIISA Fun



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## NORDIC CAPITAL AND AVISTA CAPITAL PARTNERS AGREE TO ACQUIRE CONVATEC BUSINESS FOR APROXIMATELY \$4.1 BILLION



In May, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company announced a definitive agreement to sell its ConvaTec business unit to Nordic Capital and Avista for approximately \$4.1 billion subject to adjustments based on ConvaTec's audited 2007 financial statements and closing working capital.

ConvaTec is a world leader in the development and marketing of innovative wound therapeutics and ostomy care products.

Dave Johnson, who will remain as the CEO of ConvaTec, said, "I am excited to partner with Nordic Capital and Avista Capital Partners as we transition ConvaTec to a stand-alone company. Both firms have a passionate belief in ConvaTec's future growth and will be strong supporters of the ConvaTec business. Their deep experience in guiding strategy and backing companies will help take ConvaTec to the next level of success as an independent company".