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Fernando Fischmann appointed to the Board of Fraunhofer Chile Research

The Board of the Fraunhofer Gesellschaft in Germany appointed Fernando Fischmann, Chilean scientist and entrepreneur, to the Board of the Fraunhofer Chile Research Foundation. This renowned Chilean scientist founded Crystal Lagoons, the only company in the world offering an innovative technology for development of giant crystalline lagoons. The underlying technology is now being applied to revolutionize energy and water production worldwide by using the lagoons in a number of sustainable industrial applications such as use of cooling thermoelectric power plants, data centers amongst others and the low cost desalination and purification of water.

His company has established branches in the US, Europe and the Middle East and East Africa and Mexico. The innovative technology has been patented in 160 countries and is associated with more than 300 real estate projects in 60 countries. Crystal Lagoons technology has a wide range of uses from recreational projects to its industrial variants. This technology is also revolutionizing energy and water production worldwide.

"It is an honor for Fraunhofer Chile Research to have the participation of this renowned Chilean scientist on our board of Directors. We are sure that with his support we will be able to continue working in the research and development of different innovations that will allow us to improve the competitiveness of the Chilean industry", said Wolfgang Schuch, Executive Director of Fraunhofer Chile Research.

Fischmann has received many different awards including Guinness World Record to the World's Largest Crystalline Lagoon and América Economía Magazine recognition to Latin America's 10 most Innovative Entrepreneurs. He also was distinguished as Avonni Innovator of the Year in Chile by the Innovation Forum and the Confederation for Production and Commerce (CPC) and was awarded by the Governor of Florida in the United States for his innovation. He served as Counselor of the National Council of Innovation for Competitiveness (CNIC) of the Chilean Government.

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Presently, he is Counselor of Endeavor and Director of the Chilean-American Chamber of Commerce.

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