Honourable Mention for Parques de Sintra

at the SOS Tile 2014 Awards

- Award welcomes the contribution made towards enhancing Portuguese tile heritage
- Honourable Mention in the “Conservation” Category
- Recognition of the work carried out at the National Palaces of Pena, Queluz and Sintra
- Investment of around €65,500 in maintaining and restoring tiles

Sintra, 27 May 2015 – Parques de Sintra today received an Honourable Mention in the “Conservation” category of the SOS Tile Awards at the ceremony taking place at Lisbon’s Fronteira Palace. This recognition comes about following the sequence of working projects carried out in 2014 on the tile collections held by the National Palaces under the company’s management – Pena, Sintra and Queluz.

Through its awards, SOS Tile strives to recognise the contribution made towards enhancing the value of Portuguese tile heritage in an area of particular focus to Parques de Sintra taking into account the quality and the relevance of the tiles contained in its Palaces and their respective collections.

The projects implemented over the course of 2014, involving investment in the region of €65,500 across the three Palaces enabled work to proceed on reorganising the tile collections and restoring the tile finished facades.

The National Palace of Pena saw the restoration of all of its facades across a tiled expanse totalling 450m2 in a project requiring the full-time participation of six specialists for six months (following two years of project development). This also extended to producing the replica copies necessary, specifically 300 “Hispano-Arabic” tiles, 35 tiles to fill gaps in the Palace Entrance Arch and 60 tiles for the Chapel Porch.

The National Palace of Queluz underwent the systematic cleaning and maintenance of around 16,000 tiles and appropriately preparing them for placing in the reserve collection. Of these 15,900 were removed and cleaned from the Don Quixote Basements. This required around 280 transport containers, the cleaning of some 1,400 tiles and tile pieces along with the photographing of almost 700 tiles (front and reverse).
At the National Palace of Sintra, almost 10,200 tiles and tile fragments were photographed, treated and stored in 538 polypropylene packages and then organised in order to provide swift location and access. To foster their study and research, this also extended to producing individual files for each package of tiles.

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About Parques de Sintra - Monte da Lua
Parques de Sintra - Monte da Lua, S.A. (PSML) is an entirely state owned company founded in 2000 in order to meet the challenges arising out of the UNESCO classification of the Sintra Cultural Landscape as a World Heritage site. The entity does not resort to the State Budget and the restoration and maintenance of the heritage in its care are ensured by the revenues resulting from sales at its ticket offices, stores, cafeterias and the rental of facilities for the hosting of events. In 2014, the sites managed by PSML (the Park and National Palace of Pena, the National Palaces of Sintra and Queluz, the Chalet of the Countess of Edla, the Moorish Castle, the Palace and Gardens of Monserrate, the Convent of the Capuchos and the Portuguese School of Equestrian Art) welcomed approximately 1,928,000 visits, around 86% of whom were international in origin. In 2013 and 2014, PSML was distinguished with the World Travel Award for the “World's Leading Conservation Company”. The PSML shareholders are the General Directorate of the Treasury and Finance (representing the Portuguese state), the Portuguese Institute of Nature and Forestry Conservation, the Portuguese Tourism Board and Sintra Municipal Council.

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