



IT'S OFFICIAL – PORTOCORK IS A CERTIFIED **GREEN** BUSINESS!

Led by Portocork Lab Director, Dr. Isabelle Sodini, we entered in to the Bay Area Green Business (BAGB) Program for improving our environmental awareness and performance... and we are proud to announce that Portocork earned BAGB certification in April 2009.

A voluntary program for motivated companies, BAGB verifies that participating businesses meet higher standards of environmental performance, and take actions to conserve resources, prevent pollution, and minimize waste. The Program was developed in collaboration with US EPA and Cal EPA Department of Toxic Substances Control.

Using BAGB guidelines, Dr. Sodini conducted a careful evaluation of Portocork's facility, manufacturing processes and operating procedures. This led to changes, from the seemingly insignificant (changing light bulbs) to our investment in a large but energy-efficient air compressor and the implementation of various other measures. Portocork's bottom line results are outstanding:

- **30%** decrease in electricity consumption
- **86%** decrease in gas usage

One less measurable but equally important result -- our companywide participation and pride in lessening Portocork's footprint!

