

ACS wins €220 million water treatment plant contract in Panama



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ACS Group will build, through Tedagua, Gamboa's water treatment plant in Panama City, worth 220 million euros (239 million USD). This is one of the largest water treatment projects implemented by the National Government of the Republic of Panama, through the National Aqueduct and Sewer Institute (hereinafter, IDAAN in its Spanish acronym), which intends to comply with the plan "100% Potable Water - Zero Latrines" fostered by President Juan Carlos Varela. The IDAAN, among seven large consortiums, selected as the final contractor the consortium "Agua para Gamboa" ("Water for Gamboa") equally integrated by Tedagua and the Panamanian construction company Constructores Civiles Generales (hereinafter, COCIGE).

The General Comptroller of the Republic of Panama has already endorsed the contract for the study, design, construction, operation and maintenance of Gamboa's water treatment plant. The new plant

will be named José "Pepe" Fierro and must be executed within the period of 765 days, where both the study and design phases are included. Once the works have been received by the IDAAN, there will be a three-year-period for the exploitation of the facilities, in which its staff will be trained for the correct manipulation and maintenance of the plant.

The works include an outlet that will be located on the Chagres River, right before its mouth in Gatun Lake, which serves as a natural passageway for ships crossing the Panama Canal. A pumping station will be built in this outlet, and by using an 11km pipe conduction it will carry the water up to the treatment plant. The plant will have a guaranteed production capacity of 246,000 m³ per day (65 MGD). Indeed, it will be possible to increase its production up to 322,000 m³ per day (85 MGD). It will be connected to the existing hydraulic ring of Panama City through a 19 km pipe conduction of the same characteristics.

This new project will reinforce the hydraulic ring systems of Western II line, ensuring a non-stop supply of water to a population of more than 235,000 Panamanians living in the settlements of Ancón, San Felipe, San Francisco, El Chorrillo, Santa Ana, Calidonia, Curundú, Bethania, Bella Vista and part of the road Ricardo J. Alfaro, all of them in Panama City.

Tedagua and Cobra in Panama

This is the first time that Tedagua is awarded with a contract in Panama. On the other hand, Cobra Group, ACS main group in the industrial area, has been established in the country for more than 15 years. Cobra Group, with around 900 employees, 300 vehicles, and work centers in Colón, Coclé, Herrera, Veraguas, Chiriqui Provinces and Panama City, is the main contractor of Gas Natural Fenosa, which handles the concessions from the border with Costa Rica to the capital city, and ENSA that controls the concessions from the North area of Panama to the border with Darien. Furthermore, Cobra Group has worked with other consortia in Metro Line 1, in the expansion of Panama City's North Corridor, and in Coclé's wind farms.