

## **The Chilean affiliate of ADASA water paid Grupo EPM \$23 billion in dividends**

- **The dividends reflect the earning generated by ADASA in 2015**
- **The earnings were funneled into the investment vehicles created by EPM in Chile**

The CEO of EPM and leader of Grupo EPM, Juan Esteban Calle Restrepo, highlighted the dividend payment of \$5 billion Chilean pesos, equivalent to \$23 billion Colombian pesos, made this week by the Chilean affiliate Aguas de Antofagasta [Antofagasta Waters], ADASA as yet another example of the business group's strong performance in 2015.

“At EPM, we continue to have confidence in the investment made in Chile, since the accumulated earnings have met our expectations and the business projections confirm that there are important opportunities for growth,” Calle Restrepo said when announcing that these earnings, which were paid to the investment vehicles created by EPM in Chile as an advance dividend, in accordance with Chilean legislation, contribute to the Group's liquidity.

At the same time, the steering committee emphasized the potential that this company, which became part of Grupo EPM in 2015, has to “continue strengthening our presence in the water and sanitation industry and to venture into sea water purification and bulk water supply for major mining and industrial clients, fields in which we see huge opportunities for EPM in the future, not only in Chile but in all the countries in Latin America where we have a presence”.



Formed in 2003, ADASA provides services in Chile to 162,851 clients (who represent 546,000 inhabitants). Sixty four percent of these clients are located in Antofagasta, 28% are located in Calama and the remaining 8% are divided between Tocopilla, Mejillones, Taltal, Sierra Gorda and Baquedano. In total, the company treats 2.11 m<sup>3</sup>/s, of which 30% is sea water. It has desalination plants in Taltal and Antofagasta; the latter is considered the largest in Latin America, producing 600 liters per second, and is currently being expanded.

ADASA is a company that is contributing to the integral development of the rural community and the residential sector that inhabit this area of Northern Chile. One of its most noteworthy Corporate Social Responsibility programs involves collaborating with the Alto La Portada Farmers Union, which has become a very important vegetable supplier. The farmers in the Union use water from the Antofagasta Waters desalination plant, which has allowed them to cut liquid expenses almost in half and continue to reinforce their role as global pioneers in seawater farming.

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