

Relevant information

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In connection with the decision of the High Court of Medellin that recognizes the Cauca river as a subject of protection rights, EPM reports to the public:

- 1. In its determination, the Court orders the National Government to exercise its legal representation on the Cauca river and all relevant activities for its protection, preservation, maintenance and restoration.
- 2. The Judicial Corporation warned that with its interventions in the Ituango hydroelectric project, EPM caused an impact on the Cauca river, but it refrained from issuing any orders against the Company because it acknowledged that the Organization acted effectively and diligently by taking all the necessary actions to mitigate the impact.
- 3. In its efforts to preserve and protect the fauna and flora of this important region, as well as the aquatic and terrestrial strategic ecosystems, and identify and evaluate possible changes caused by the disaster, construction and future operation of the Ituango hydroelectric project, EPM entered into agreements with several entities that have renowned scientific and technical background and expertise in environmental issues, including the National Aquaculture and Fisheries Authority [Autoridad Nacional de Acuicultura y Pesca, AUNAP], the Humboldt Institute, Corantioquia and the University of Antioquia. Currently with the same objective, the Company is advancing the execution of new conventions with: Universidad Javeriana [Javeriana University], Universidad de Córdoba [the University of Cordoba], Universidad Nacional [the National University], the Fundación Humedales [Wetlands Foundation] and the Fundación Natura [Natura Foundation].

In addition, with the Santa Cruz Fish and Aquaculture Center, it is working on the formation of a genetic bank to preserve the diversity of fish in the basin and, with the Parque Explora de Medellín, it is managing a live collection of middle and low basin species, and the development of environmental awareness and education activities.

4. EPM implemented a Recovery Plan for the municipalities of Ituango, Valdivia, Tarazá, Cáceres, Caucasia and Nechí, affected by the disaster, which is structured in eight workstreams, including the environmental component. This is a commitment to the



communities located downstream from the dam and a continuous task to preserve the aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, in which no efforts or resources have been spared for this purpose.