



TICSA, an EPM Group Affiliate, will recover operating control over the plants that had been seized by the authorities in Mexico

- **EPM Group's defense in legal and administrative proceedings achieved the recovery of the three wastewater treatment plants (WWTP).**
- **The plants had been seized by COMAPA, the Tamaulipas state operating body in northeastern Mexico.**
- **TICSA, a company that specializes in water treatment with operations in Mexico and Colombia, has been an affiliate of EPM Group for almost eight years.**

Medellín, September 15, 2021 | EPM Group, through its TICSA affiliate, began on Tuesday, September 14, the recovery of control of operations at three wastewater treatment plants grouped under the company named Desarrollos Hidráulicos de Tam, which had been seized in September 2020 by COMAPA, the operating body in the state of Tamaulipas in northeastern Mexico.

As a result of the legal action and intensive administrative actions taken over more than one year by EPM's TICSA, the company finally recovered control over the operation of the Tierra Negra Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Control over the reverse osmosis treatment plant (ROTP) is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, which provides services to the Francisco I. Madero refinery of PEMEX, and the handover of the Morelos WWTP is scheduled for Friday, September 17.

These assets are strategically important for the Group, not only because of the economic benefits they produce, but also due to their impact on the environment, society and sustainability, because they enable the reuse of 1.6 million cubic meters of water per month and are therefore one of the most important circular economy projects in the region.

Legal actions

TICSA, an EPM Group affiliate, filed legal actions to recover the operation of the Torreón and Tampico plants that were intervened by the Mexican municipal governments (arbitrary seizure). On the other hand, in the case of the service provision contract in Tuxtla Gutiérrez Chiapas, the



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contract was rescinded by means of an action that was declared invalid by the competent authority. Lastly, in the case of the plant at Lerdo, the water availability contract was not fulfilled. All these cases are currently in legal proceedings to defend the properties and obtain results that are favorable to the interests of EPM Group. It should be noted that TICSА had already won the litigation of the plant of the municipality of Torreón, State of Coahuila, before the competent courts and even in appeals before the Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico. As well as the litigation of Tuxtla, State of Chiapas, before the Federal Court of Administrative Justice.

With support from the diplomatic mission, legal and administrative proceedings were undertaken seeking the restitution of rights, with the results announced today with the purpose of protecting the interests of EPM Group.

With the DNA of EPM Group

In September, TICSА will have been an EPM Group affiliate for eight years. It is a company with an environmental focus, which provides sustainable solutions for the treatment and reuse of treated waters for the industrial and municipal sector, using cutting-edge technologies integrating equipment from recognized suppliers to ensure the long-term operation of treatment plants and with over 40 years of experience.

Since its inception, TICSА has designed, built and put into operation over 160 plants and currently operates and maintains 10 municipal and industrial water treatment plants, covering a population of 4 million people.

TICSА is currently developing 17 projects for an estimated amount of USD 120 million (71 % in Mexico). At July 2021, it had closed deals for USD 34 million, which is 78 % above the 2021 sales target.

TICSА and EPM Group are fully committed to offering growth and improvement opportunities related to water quality. Some of its most important projects include: The Francisco I. Madero Treatment Plant (ROTP) , the Hidalgo Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), Compañía Cervecería en Mexico; upgrades to the San Fernando Wastewater Treatment Plant (Itagüí), upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant of the municipality of El Retiro; the expansion and upgrade of the Tranvía Wastewater Treatment Plant (Rionegro), the Compacta El Escobero Wastewater Treatment Plant (Envigado) and the implementation of an operating flexibility module (MOFLO, for the Spanish original) for the Manantiales Drinking Water Plant.