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First, the community will be informed, and all technical, environmental and social aspects will be put in order. Then, at about noon today, EPM will close the Ituango Hydroelectric Project's second catchment gate.

In a maneuver that will take about half an hour, a group of professionals will be responsible for activating the oleo-hydraulic unit. Through an automatic process, the unit allows the descent speed of the Ituango hydroelectric project's second catchment gate to be regulated in a controlled way. This maneuver, which will be accompanied by permanent monitoring of the different variables comprising the work, is preceded by fully preparing nearby communities.

According to official procedure, once the National Unified Command Post (Puesto de Mando Unificado Nacional) was notified and it coordinated with the National Disaster Risk Management System of the Colombian Office of the President (Sistema Nacional de Gestión del Riesgo de Desastres de la Presidencia de la República), EPM began the process of informing the community early this morning. The vehicles it used were: sound truck, information desks at the company's branch offices in the

different townships, meetings with local inhabitants, local radio station announcements and information on the 018000415115 toll-free phone number.

As part of the preparation, for several days now, EPM officials have been working in each of the townships to inform the communities and coordinate with the authorities to mitigate the effects that early closure of the floodgate could have on the downstream settlements.

For this purpose, a contingent of more than 700 people, mainly local fishermen, are ready to rescue fish trapped in the riverbed by the decrease in the flow that will occur once the maneuver is completed.

This situation will be held for approximately 3 days, but the company has arranged everything necessary to serve the population, from the dam site to La Mojana, on through Valdivia, Tarazá, Cáceres, Caucasia and Nechí.

Safe water will be provided by 21 tank cars that will drive through these settlements, while 82 drums and 33 stationary tanks will be available. In addition, solid waste management will be addressed, and local inhabitants were also informed that as a preventive measure, transportation in the area is suspended as follows:

- River transportation for the township of Ituango: from 11:00 a.m. today until Wednesday morning at 6:00 a.m.
- Transportation by caravan: from 11:00 a.m. today to 12:00 noon tomorrow, Wednesday.
- River transport in Bocas de Niquía (the communities of Peque, Sabanalarga and some of Briceño conclude): from 11:00 a.m. today to 6:00 a.m. tomorrow.