



In the capital of the Department of Atlantico, managers and affiliates of Probarranquilla expressed their support to the work carried out by EPM in the Ituango project

- **EPM's CEO, Jorge Londoño De la Cuesta, presented today in Barranquilla the progress in the Ituango project and the results of its management in 2018**
- **He highlighted and thanked the support of the Colombian guilds and stressed that the protection of the community and the environment have been a priority in the management of the contingency**
 - **"The Company is the engine of development for the country," said the executive**

The work that the Company has been doing to get ahead with the Ituango hydroelectric project, the results of EPM Group management during 2018 and the Organization's projections in Colombia and in other Latin American countries, were the main topics presented by EPM's CEO on Thursday in the capital of the Department of Atlantico , Jorge Londoño De la Cuesta, at a meeting promoted by Probarranquilla, an entity that dedicates its efforts to position this city of the North Coast of the country as one of the main investment destinations in Colombia and the world.

In the event, which was chaired by the Executive Director of Probarranquilla, Ana María Badel, entrepreneurs and institutional leaders participated of this section of the country, which manifested their support for the work carried out by EPM in different fronts, social, environmental and financial, so that Colombians can have the energy that will generate the future hydroelectric power plant in the North of Antioquia.



The Ituango project advances

On the Ituango hydroelectric project, EPM's CEO affirmed that at the end of one year of the contingency, EPM continues to work with positivism because this

project is vital for the development of Colombia:

"Although it has been a difficult challenge, we have also found support from the community, the institutions of local and national order, of the unions and in general the living forces of the country. For us, the contingency has become an opportunity for many learnings, with a pile of experiences that strengthen us as a work team".

He stressed that so far the Company has invested more than \$ 640,000 million in social and environmental management, which has achieved the return of 100% of the families of Puerto Valdivia who have their homes outside the flood area. To this are added actions such as the plan of mobility in the area, health care, the management plan for wildlife and the construction of the Wildlife Assessment and Attention Center (CAV). Within all this work, he emphasized that after closing the catchment gates 1 and 2, EPM focused on mitigating the effects on the Cauca River, with good results in terms of fish rescue, protection of the La Mojana wetland and the continuity of riparian economic activities, among other aspects.

In the technical part, he said that after draining the dammed water in the powerhouse "now we have to do the evaluations of the infrastructure and continue with works such as the definitive plugging of the right tunnel and the auxiliary diversion tunnel (GAD), the entry into operation of the intermediate discharge tunnel and the works for the enhancement of the dam up to level 435 meters above sea level. In this winter season, with flows that sometimes exceed 2,000 cubic meters per second, the spillway works perfectly in the evacuation of the water that reaches the reservoir".

In his speech, Jorge Londoño De la Cuesta stressed that EPM "is a development engine for the country "and that is how it is seen in the results as Group in the departments of Quindío, Caldas, Santander, Norte de Santander, in the Atlantic with Aguas de Malambo, in La Guajira and Chocó, among other regions. Finally, he thanked Probarranquilla, its directors and the companies and entities affiliated with that institution, which, he said, is key to the development of the department of the Atlantico and constitutes a fundamental contribution to the construction of the country we all dream of.

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