EPM signed COP 116,000 million loan contract with Banco Agrario

- Funds will be earmarked for the general investment plan
- The transaction's term is 16 years with six-year grace period
 - EPM continues to diversify its financing sources

Under its Financing Plan, EPM signed last Tuesday a loan contract with Banco Agrario for COP 116,000 million that includes competitive long-term conditions; signing of this loan increases diversification of the company's financing sources.

EPM's Chief Executive Officer and leader of EPM Group, Juan Esteban Calle Restrepo, said that "for the company it is highly valuable to be able to count on the Colombian financial system since it constitutes evidence of both the trust on EPM Group and the support given to its strategy".

This financing will partially leverage execution of EPM's investment plan during 2014, particularly the Nueva Esperanza energy transmission project which includes one 150-km line at 230 kV, another at 500 kV and 50 km long, and a substation. This project will permit increasing EPM's participation in the National Transmission System (STN), improving reliability of the power system in Bogotá and the province of Cundinamarca.

Mr. Calle Restrepo highlighted the fact that closing of this negotiation increases the local banks' active participation in the company's financing sources, complementing the other sources used by EPM along 58 years of existence such as multilateral banking, trade finance institutions and the national and international capital markets.

Among the negotiation's competitive financial conditions, the 16-year term and sixyear grace period stand out.

This way, EPM consolidates a balanced portfolio of financing sources with important resources in local currency while continuing to abide by the rigorous criterion of moderate indebtedness levels that added to the stability of its operating cash flow result in sound financial conditions.

Additionally, inclusion of a major public entity that has been associated to the country's development such as Banco Agrario is of relevant significance for EPM's corporate social responsibility policy.

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