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BID DEBATES ENERGY MATRIX IN LA

Cemig attended the 49th Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Bank for Development, held at Miami (United States) April 4th – 8th. In this opportunity, representatives from the member countries did an evaluation of the bank's action in its purpose of promoting economical growth and reducing poverty in America.

Cemig was invited to assemble, in the event's site, a stand to present what the company has done in the matter of renewable energy and sustainability. Aiming for the balance between the needs of economical growth and social-environmental sustainability, BID has supported regional governments in search for an optimal energy matrix and implementing initiatives for prevention against the climate changes' negative impacts, as the president of BID, Luiz Alberto Moreno, has emphasized. Brazil was cited as an example in various panels that dealt in the subject, for its low greenhouse effect emissions, and its bio-fuels program. The international economic conjecture also deserved attention, considering the current perspective for lower economical growth and inflationary pressing, after the recent capital market liquidity crisis, noticing BID's interest in the necessity of empowering the fiscal policies in governments of Latin America and the Caribbean.

CO-GENERATION IS THE SUBJECT OF CONFERENCE IN MG

The director for enterprise management of Cemig, Marco Antônio Rodrigues da Cunha, has accentuated the importance of energy co-generation, during the 2nd International Sugarcane Production Chain Technology Conference – Concana 2008, held in the beginning of April, at the Events Center of the Brazilian Association for Zebu Breeders – ABCZ, in Uberaba, in the “Triângulo Mineiro” (“Mineiro Triangle”).

Rodrigues da Cunha said that “co-generation, today, is a reality of what the country needs.” According to him, the current energy supply situation will only return to normal in 2015, when the great hydraulics complexes are in operation,

like the plants of Santo Antônio and Belo Monte, in the northern region of the country. “Until then, the only answer we have in large scale is exactly co-generation from sugarcane bagasse. Because of this, it is strictly necessary that the entrepreneurs join in this process, and consider co-generation as a great business deal, for in that way the taxes will hold great return for shareholders” he added.

The program for the first day of the event congregated themes around the sugar-alcohol market and, apart from the director’s lecture, had the participation of Valter Hugo Vieira Faria, who alerted the producers for the *Management of the impacts of sugar-alcohol activities in the energetic system*. Themes as environmental and work laws, normalization, processing technology, environmental aspects and production technology were also discussed, with attendance of specialists, from Brazil and abroad.

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Technology

MINAS HAS THE FIRST SOLAR PLANT IN THE COUNTRY

Cemig is experimentally establishing Brazil's first thermoelectric solar plant, by means of a Research and Development project (P&D). The plant, with a capacity to produce 10kW, is installed in the Federal Center for Technological Education of Minas Gerais (Cefet/MG), in Belo Horizonte. "It is a first step before the construction of a bigger plant, as a pilot format. The project has aroused interest of several great energy companies in Brazil", says the coordinator of the project and technology and normalization engineer, Alexandre Heringer Lisboa, from the Vice-Presidency – DVP. The project is a partnership between Cemig and Cefet/MG and was conceived in the field of Technology and Energy Alternatives Supervising – TE. The coordinator Alexandre Heringer states that the principle for the functionality of the plant is the same applied in plants in California (United States), but "the project is being built with the maximum of national equipments and technological resources".

The system will not be connected to Cemig's network, once it is a low potency experimental unit. "The Turbine/generator conditions will be further analyzed so that, in a second moment, the distribution of energy inside Cefet's facilities can be done", says Alexandre. The project is in the phase of assembling the last line of concentrators, and the expectation is that the final tests are made until May 2008.

MECHANISM

The entrapment of solar energy, in the plant, happens by means of cylindrical-parabolic concentrators, which have the function of concentrating the radiation mirrored in the reflectors, elevating the temperature of the fluid circulating inside the equipment, trough a tube. The heated fluid generates vapor, which rotates a turbine, responsible for energy generation. The cylindrical-parabolic format allows that higher temperatures are reached rather than plane collectors with similar dimensions. "The higher the concentrated radiation, the higher the

temperature in the tube, and the better will be the yield”, explains Alexandre. Another differential of the thermoelectric is the use of anodized aluminum in the confection of the concentrators. “Aluminum is lighter and more malleable, allowing a better structure. Moreover, it is cheaper than the mirror used in other collectors”, he states.

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Environment

“PEIXE VIVO” (LIVE FISH) PROGRAM IN SÃO SIMÃO

Cemig launched the “Peixe Vivo” (Live Fish) Program in São Simão’s plant, in the “Triângulo Mineiro”, April 2nd. The event took place in front of the plant’s powerhouse, with the presence of the company’s directors, representatives from the State Secretariat for Environment and Sustainable Development of Minas Gerais and the Brazilian Institute for Environment and Renewable Natural Resources – Ibama. There was still a “fish placement” (peixamento) in São Simão’s reservoir, in the Parnaíba River, with release of three thousand fingerlings of piracanjuba, pacu, piapara and curimba, produced in the Fish culture and Environmental Development Station in Volta Grande, of Cemig.

Afterwards, a visit to the plant’s facilities took place, with the plant located between Chaveslândia(MG) and São Simão(GO), and inaugurated in 1978.

This was the fourth launching event for the program. The first took place in last year’s June, during the Environment Week of Cemig, in Belo Horizonte, the second in Três Marias plant, in northern Minas, in August, and the third in Volta Grande plant in the Triângulo Mineiro.

OTHER FISH PLACEMENTS

Fish placements are also happening all over the state. In the South Parnaíba River, in Zona da Mata, in March 11th, they took place in Ewbank da Câmara, and Lima Duarte, and had attendance of representatives of the municipal city halls, Military Police of Minas Gerais, regional press, “ONGs” (Non-governmental organizations) and other regional authorities.

In March 5th, there was the release of ten thousand fingerlings of the matrinxã species, in the Preto River, downstream from the Queimado plant, in Unaí, next to the Agriculture Cooperative of Unaí – Coagril, in the northwest region. The action has the objective of causing the repopulation of matrinxãs. According to the environmental analyst Renato Junio Constâncio, of the Management of

Northern Plants - AG/NT, this kind of action happened after a demand from the community.

The Jequitinhonha River received, in March 11th, twenty thousand fingerlings of curimatá, as result of another fish placement in the region of the Irapé plant, as part of the Peixe Vivo program. The fingerlings' release occurred in Coronel Murta and in the location of Itira, in the city of Araçuaí, with a great attendance by the community. This was the first fish placement done downstream from Irapé this year, and the second one in the region over the last four months.

PROGRAM

The program foresees the creation and enlargement of a series of actions aiming the preservation of the aquatic fauna in the southeast hydrographical basins where there are company plants, in favor of the communities that use the hydro resources as a development factor. This way, pioneer researches in relation to important species are developed adjoining research institutes of the State. The reinsertion of piracanjuba, which had disappeared from the basins of the Grande and Paranaíba Rivers, and the reproduction and production of fingerlings of piraptinga and jaú, threatened of extinction in the region, are examples of the works that are taking place.

In São Simão, a monitoring of ichthyo-fauna for identifying the species will also be made, as well as of the quantities and places of bigger occurrence of fish in the reservoir.

(Side photo)

Director of Generation and Transmission, Fernando Schuffner, during the launch.

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(Upside photo)

Wagon stationed in front of the legislative body of Minas Gerais.

Environment

WAGON TAKES INFORMATION TO THE FORUMS FOR THE WATERS

Cemig, with the objective of divulging institutional programs, service campaigns, improving the quality of information for its clients and narrowing relations with the general public, took the *Energy for Life* wagon to the Legislative body square, in March 26th and 27th, during the 7th Forums for the Waters of Minas Gerais, promoted by the State System of Environment – Sisema, by means of the Mineiro Institute of Waters Management – Igam and the Mineiro Forums for Committees of Hydrographical Basins.

In March 25th, the supervisor of Planning and Operating of Generation and Transmission of Cemig, Evandro Leite Vasconcelos, spoke about the *Importance of Hydro Resources in the Energy Matrix of Minas Gerais*, in the Industry Federation of the State of Minas Gerais (Fiemg) auditorium, inside the program for the forums. According to Evandro, ninety percent of the electric energy in the state is of hydro sources. Moreover, seventy percent of the energy generated in the Northern parts of the country has origins in the rain that falls in Minas' territory.

In two days, the wagon received hundreds of people, including 665 children from the State School Pandiá Calógenes (picture) that got to know the main attractions of the mobile unit *Energy for Life*: educational videos on the environment, security, energy alternatives and Cemig's businesses. Besides, using four multimedia stations, the visitor can simulate energy consumption, access hints for energy saving and security and identifying the plants and other information on the company.

The *Energy for Life* wagon warns the customers about the accidents and prejudices that can be provoked when flying kites near the electric wires and also on the dangers of energy robbery, like the illegal connections. All areas of Cemig's actions are attended, and people are informed about the effective and secure use of energy, aiming to prevent energy waste. They also receive

information about how to avoid fires and accidents involving the electric network.

CEMIG REPRESENTATIVES ARE INSTALLED IN OFFICE BY ABAE

The Brazilian Association for Water and Energy – Abae installed in office, in March 25th, the new members of the Board and the Fiscal, Consultant, and Strategic Counsels for the biennium of 2008/2009. Representatives of Cemig participate in the new composition of the organization. In the presidency of the Consultant Counsel, was installed Sérgio Henrique Mourthé Duarte, manager of Coordination and Protection of the Budget and Energy Use of Cemig – PC/PR. Ricardo Cerqueira Moura, manager of Efficientia, company of the Cemig group, that in the 2006/2007 management was in charge of the Financial-Administrative Board, was relocated to the vice-presidency of the same counsel.

According to Ricardo Cerqueira, the objective of the entity is to consolidate itself as the Brazilian forum of reference of efficient and sustainable use of energy and water resources in the sectors of hydro-intensives and sanitation. “We seek to promote the enlargement of the activities and the presence of Abae in all national territory, by use of regional bases.”

Created in April 2004, Abae has as its goal to congregate companies, autarchies and firms of sanitation, irrigation, energy and hydro resource management in Brazil putting focus on the energy efficiency, automation and optimization of processes related to the diverse uses of water. It is a non-profitable organization, certified by the Ministry of Justice as a Public Interest Civil Society Organization – Oscip.

The entity has the support of Alliance to Save Energy, north American non-governmental organization with worldwide action in energetic efficiency that, in Brazil, developed a specific program for sanitation efficiency.

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Programs

CEMIG REACHES 100% CARE IN URBAN AREA

The “*Programa Clarear*” (Illuminate Program), of urban electrifying, has concluded the process of universalizing energy connections, in all 774 cities in Minas under care of Cemig. Over 650 thousand customers were already benefited with energy connection or works of modification in energy distribution networks, by means of investments that reach R\$302 million, since 2004, with the company’s own resources.

Cemig has completed all infrastructures for urban care of the 774 cities in the end of 2006, fulfilling the universalizing goals stipulated by the National Agency of Electric Energy – Aneel. According to the supervisor of Coordination of Expansion of Distribution – EX, Ricardo Costa Rocha, since last year, the new installments done by *Clarear* accompany the vegetative growth of the cities. *Clarear* has benefited customers like the bricklayer José Ranulfo dos Santos, living in the Juatuba suburbs, in the Metropolitan Region of Belo Horizonte. “Today, with the arrival of energy, all became easier”. With connection of energy in his house, José Ranulfo reassures he will reach his dream of building more three rooms and a bath.

UNIVERSALIZING

This program is a part of Cemig actions for assuring quality electric energy supply to the 18 million inhabitants living in its concession area, which covers 96% of the State. Only in last year, were invested R\$ 601 million, to do 200 thousand new connections in urban and rural areas of Minas Gerais assuring the constant improvement of its service, already known by customers as the best in the Southeast region in a poll done by Aneel last year. The Central region of the state had the most customers under *Clarear* care, in numbers of 241.749, while the South of Minas were a little afterwards, with 73.747 new connections until the end of last year. From the solicitation of the customer, the connections are done immediately, if there are no need for works,

or in the term of 120 days, in case there is need for extension or modification or the distribution network.

CRITERIA

The *Programa Clarear* contemplates new connections for urban residential customers, of small and medium sizes, with up to 50 kW charge. The only cost to the customer is the installment of the entry pattern in its residence. The solicitations can be done by the city halls or, directly, by the customers, in the attendance agencies of Cemig, or the central office of attendance to the customer *Fale com a Cemig* (speak to Cemig), by the telephone number 116, which is free of charge.

Are beyond the universalizing criteria defined by Aneel the city public lighting, lots, increasing of charges, temporary connections, individual connections above the charge of 50 kW and attendances that are of convenience of the customer or technical need, like changing of the connection point, removal of the network, etc. Moreover, connections of customers in non-regularized areas of the city or in environmental protection areas are not attended.

(Photo on the right)

Over 650 thousand costumers benefited since 2004.

CHILDREN EDUCATION UNITES PROGRAMS

The *Programa Cemig nas Escolas – Procel* (Cemig in schools program) has arrived to the agglomerates of the Metropolitan Region of Belo Horizonte attended by the *Projeto Conviver* (“Live together project”). Product of the partnership between the two initiatives of Cemig, the first group of teachers received training, in March 7th and 8th. The 27 teachers, from nine schools of the public and private networks, were instructed by technicians of the Company on effective use of electric energy, change of habits and environmental conscience, and will act as multiplying agents. The expectation is that ten thousand students receive training from the teachers and repass the knowledge forward to neighbors, friends, and family members. In addition to the training, the schools have received didactic material, which will be used by students and

teachers. “This way, it is initiated a most beautiful work of environmental responsibility, fomenting educational growth, citizenship actions, conscientious consuming and, mainly, social inclusion”, says the coordinator for *Conviver* and engineer or energetic solutions, Henrique Fernando França Costa, of the Management of the Coordination of and Protection of the Budget and Energy Use of Cemig – PC/PR.

Cemig is the first concessionaire of electric energy in the country to donate effective refrigerators to customers of low purchasing power, through the *Conviver* project. In March, the project arrived to the agglomerates Taquaril and Jatobá, reaching ten thousand new customers attended.

The company will donate, until June this year, 5.5 thousand refrigerators, 7 thousand heat recovers for electric showers, 7 thousand electric residential reforms and 400 thousand compact fluorescent light bulbs. Approximately 40% of those donations are already delivered to the inhabitants. “Adding the first two years of the project – 2007 and 2008 – there will be over 100 thousand families attended”, says Henrique Costa.

The effective refrigerators, donated by the *Projeto Conviver*, use isobutene refrigerating gas, commercially called R 600 a. Isobutene is considered ecologically correct for having global warming potential equal to 3. In 1987, several countries, through the Montreal Treaty, firmed the compromise of substituting the CFC gasses (chlorofluorcarbon), which is still in refrigerators produced before 1999, for HFC (hydrofluorcarbon). This measure contributes to a smaller aggression to the ozone layer, but HFC still has a warming potential equal to 1,3 thousand.

(Photo below)

Customers receive economic light bulbs, free of charge.

Company

LECTURE IN FELÍCIO ROCHO HOSPITAL

By demand of the Felício Rocho hospital, Cemig has done, last April, lectures on energetic efficiency for the employees in the areas of general services, kitchen, maintenance and reception of the institution, one of the oldest in the capital of Minas. The solicitation was done by the customer itself and received by the agent of relationship with corporate customers José Gonçalves Tergilene, of the Management for Commercial Relationships with Corporate Customers and Medium Companies – RL/PM.

The energetic solutions engineer Fernando Queiroz de Almeida, of the Management of the Coordination of and Protection of the Budget and Energy Use of Cemig – PC/PR, explained to 620 employees, divided in two groups, the basic workings of energetic efficiency and gave hints in energy saving which could be used in their own residencies. “The lecture complemented the actions of energetic efficiency that are already being done by the hospital and showed that we are on the right path”, evaluated the manager for hospital infrastructure, Norma Eloiza da Silva Diniz.

According to the manager of RL/PM, William Santos Fagundes, this was an opportunity of a kind for Cemig to give differential care to a corporate customer as Felício Rocho, a high complexity hospital that tends to patients of the Sistema Único de Saúde – SUS, covenant members and particulars, maintained by the Felice Rosso Foundation. “Cemig showed that it is integrated when opportunities to tend to diverse demands from customers show up”, said William.

(side photo)

The engineer Fenando Queiroz gives saving hints to the hospital employees.

SENSOR INSTALLATION BEGINS

The Management of Engineering of Distribution Actives – EG/EA and the Management of the Center Distribution – DC/MC installed in transmission lines – LTs of the Metropolitan Region of Belo Horizonte new sensors that give in real time information on current, potency and inclination of the aerial conductors through the wireless communication of Vivo (Telemig Celular).

For the installment of the four new sensors of the Power Donut2 type in live lines, without interrupting the LT, an isolated truck was used. The operation occurred in the Taquaril – Santa Bárbara LT, in the cities of Nova Lima and Rio Acima, and involved a maintenance team of DC/MC, beside the supervision for EG/EA for the installment.

This new version of the aerial lines monitoring system, named Power Donut-2, was developed by Cemig in partnership with the Federal University of Minas Gerais – UFMG. The adaptation of the tool is part of the Research and Development project – P&D-162, which aims to increase in 10% the transmission capacity of aerial lines of the Company.

WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY

With this new version, it is possible to use the wireless technology of cell phone operators and transmit directly the information from the conductors in high tension to the line monitoring center of Cemig. This data contribute to the optimization of aerial lines electric charge and aggregate operational security to the installations.

EFFICIENTIA INFORMS

SIGNED COVENANT BETWEEN EFFICIENTIA AND CETEC

Efficientia signed, in this year's January, a covenant with the Foundation Technological Center of Minas Gerais – Cetec aiming to the technical cooperation for development of the Research and Development Project – P&D,

which deals with development of goods and services in the areas of energetic efficiency with the cities of Minas Gerais.

According to the Services and Commercial manager of Efficientia, Ricardo Cerqueira Moura, the signing of the covenant will contribute to an economical, social, environmental and technological development, besides the prominence of Minas Gerais in the national and international context.

Community

CARAVANS VISIT THE STATE'S INTERIOR

(center photo)

Employees answer to Jequitinhonha inhabitants' doubts.

Cemig has concluded, in March, the visitations of the *Cemig na Praça* (Cemig in the Square) program to the region of the Irapé Hydroelectric Plant, in the Jequitinhonha Vale. The cities of Botumirim, Cristália and Grão Mogol, on the left side of the Jequitinhonha were visited, as in the end of February the program had visited the district of Lelivéldia (city of Berilo), Turmalina, Leme do Prado and José Gonçalves de Minas, in the right side. In both occasions, the participation was expressive, having been attended over 1500 customers. Another city that received Cemig's caravan was Bom Jesus do Amparo, in the Eastern region of Minas. Furthermore from the attendances done in the tent assembled in the city's central square, the team from the Management for Commercial and Services Relations of João Monlevade – DL/JM visited two public schools of the city. Over 500 students from Escola Estadual (State School) Edmundo Pena and Escola Municipal (Municipal School) Coronel Júlio Vasconcelos Mota received, from Cemig's employees, easy understanding and clear information over safe and effective use of energy. In the São João quarter, in Pouso Alegre (Southern Minas), the inhabitant Benedito Salvador Barbosa went to the team from the Management for Commercial and Services Relations of Pouso Alegre – DL/PA to compliment the initiative of the *Campos de Luz* ("Fields of Light") program to of installing lighting in the local soccer field. "The lighting of the field brought great benefits to the population", said.

SÃO JOÃO EVANGELISTA

Another city that received the team from *Cemig na Praça* in March was São João Evangelista, in Easter Minas. Furthermore from the attendances done in

the city's central square, the team from the Management for Commercial and Services Relations of Governador Valadares – DL/GV also visited the Escola Estadual (State School) Prefeito Alberto Pimenta. Over 450 students from this school received, from Cemig's employees, easy understanding and clear information over safe and effective use of energy.

INFO WAYS COLUMN

BEGINNING OF SIM PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES

As part of the SIM project, which foresees expansion of the Company of Info ways Network to some regions in the State's interior, the optical networks of the cities of Montes Claros (Northern Minas), Varginha and Pouso Alegre (both in Southern Minas) are in construction phase. The beginning of these networks operations is anticipated to June this year, attending the local transmission. The long distance service will be available from next year with implementing of high capacity radio routes in the project.

Team from the Company of Info ways, hired for the construction activities of those networks, counted actively with the support and contribution from Cemig's teams in those cities, which measured no efforts in eliminating difficulties identified during field gathering, route definition, project approval and post substituting, besides other completed steps of the project.

Even before of the beginning of those networks operation, the Company of Info Ways have been receiving consult from telecommunications operators interested in immediately initiating or enlarging activities in those cities.

Economy

LONG TERM CONTRACTS EXPAND actions

(photo)

Cemig's president, Djalma Bastos, signs contract with Votorantim.

Cemig has signed a contract for energy supply to the Votorantim Group. The contract, valued R\$ 10.5 billion, for energy supply for facilities of the Votorantim Group placed in the Southeast and Center-Western regions of the Country, is the biggest done in the Brazilian electric sector and has a term until 2028.

According to the commercial director, Bernardo Alvarenga, "the negotiations warrants the current and future energy supply, allowing the expansions of the Votorantim Group in Brazil and, preferentially in Minas Gerais. This is another partnership by Cemig in making viable the industrial growth of its customers".

The so called free customers are attended in high tension and may acquire the energy to its facilities from any concessionaire, independent generators or in the spot market. For this customers, Cemig has a policy of seeking alternatives of attendance that warrant competitive prices and quality and trustful energy.

PARTNERSHIPS ALLOW MORE CAPACITY TO GENERATION

In March 6th, was divulged a partnership between Cemig and Energias do Brasil, company from the Energias de Portugal Group, for the accomplishment of studies of viability in hydroelectric enterprises and Aeolian parks.

The accord involves studies in Aeolian projects that reach around 500MW of installed potency, besides seven hydroelectric enterprises, from plants to smaller centrals. The engineering studies will be Energias do Brasil's responsibility, being up to Cemig the environmental studies.

It is estimated that analysis are concluded in the first semester of next year. In the case of studies showing viability of the enterprises, the two companies will become partners in doing the projects.

“Our expectations are the best possible. The projects are adequately adjusted to our expansion plans, by the same time benefiting the sector and, as of consequence, all society”, says the president of Cemig, Djalma Bastos de Moraes. Another four enterprises, with estimate total installed capacity of 674.4MW, will have their viability studies developed by a new partnership between the two companies.

The second partnership includes yet four hydroelectric exploitations, that may go to auction in the first semester of 2010, as stated in the chronogram of the National Agency for Electric Energy – Aneel.

GASMIG COLUMN

GASMIG WILL HAVE ANOTHER 33 KM OF LINES IN SEPTEMBER

Gasmig has already done 40% of the implementation works of the Trunk line Brumadinho/Nova Lima (photo), which will have 33 kilometers of natural gas distribution lines and will attend an iron ore pelletization plant of Vale. The estimate is that the lines are delivered in the stated deadline, September this year.

The Trunk line Brumadinho/Nova Lima is one of the most important inside the expansion plans of the company. “Just to have an idea of the importance of this project, it is enough to say that Vale’s plant will be the biggest industrial customer of Gasmig”, says the manager for Engineering, Augusto Vieira de Loiola.

Another positive aspect of the works will be able to be seen in the environmental area. The project foresights, for example, the recovering of 8.65 hectares of degradater area inside the State Park of Rola Moça and 1.5 hectare of ciliary flora in the Ecological Station of Fechos. It is a forest compensation, which is demanded when the work has low impact over the environment. Moreover, the company has donated to the park’s administration 5 thousand educational primers on fire prevention.

The estimates are that gas distribution can begin in January 2009, after construction of a *citygate* in Brumadinho, by Petrobras. The network will still male possible to Gasmig to attend to a new area: residential. “The company

plans on exploiting the network to take natural gas to a real estate enterprise in Alphaville” announces Augusto Loiola.

Culture

MOVIE FROM MINAS WINS FESTIVAL IN SPAIN

This past March, during the 9th International Movie Festival of Las Palmas, held every year in Gran Canaria, one of the Canary Isles (Spain), the long feature film *O andarilho* (The vagrant), directed by the moviemaker and plastic artist from Minas Cao Guimarães received the award for best movie in the competition. The jury, formed by the Belgian moviemaker veteran Chantal Akerman and by the actor Peter Coyote, emphasized the human texture, reached with few resources in comparison to bigger international productions. This year, the festival paid homage to the North American Jeff Daniels, actor in Woody Allen and Clint Eastwood movies.

O andarilho, one of the features benefited from resources from the second edition of the *Programa de Estímulo ao Audiovisual – Filme em Minas* (Audiovisual Stimulation Program – Movie in Minas), is a documentary feature where the filming crew, formed by a few people, follows three solitary vagrants, that cover northeastern Minas Gerais, presenting to the viewers the elements of a world where everything is transitory. “I wanted to make it as if you could almost touch the images, that sound talked to the image and that, in its turn, the viewer talked to the movie”, said the moviemaker. Furthermore from being part of national and international alternative circuits, *O andarilho* opened the São Paulo Biennial, in 2006, and was part of the Venice Festival, last year.

The State Secretary of Culture and Cemig formed a partnership that, since 2004, had made possible the accomplishment of *Filme em Minas*. As stated in the third edition edict, in progress, the program’s objective is to promote the diverse means of manifesting of the audiovisual area in Minas Gerais, acknowledging its peculiarities and its investigative character, and, this way, contributing to the enlargement of the audiovisual market in the State.

Cao Guimarães is a renowned director in Brazil and abroad, but he usually does not publicize his prizes. He says, in interviews, that he’d rather keep it to himself, so that fame will not overcome art. Cao aims, in his features, to make

works from his sensibility of plastic artist and moviemaker, not as an answer to market demands.

The third edition of *Filme em Minas*, biennium 2007/2008, will contribute to the realization of 34 projects, making available a total of R\$4 million, sponsored by Cemig, through federal laws of incentive to culture and audiovisual projects. More information on *O andarilho* in www.caoguimaraes.com.

(photo)

The moviemaker Cao Guimarães received the trophy in the closing ceremony of the festival.

Community

PARTNERSHIP REMOVES SCHOOL FROM RISK AREA

In March the work of reallocation of Escola Municipal (Municipal School) Helena de Almeida Fernandes was concluded, in Juiz de Fora, in Zona da Mata. The school, that was inside the security line of an electric energy transmission line, received from Cemig over R\$ 100,000.00 (a hundred thousand reais) for structural adequacies. After inspections, done in 2000, it was discovered that the school was in an irregular situation. “the line was built 34 years ago, and the building 25 years ago. There were enlargements in the school occupying the security area of the lines and the facilities were inside the servitude line”, explains the technician of maintenance of distribution Carlos Magno de Melo, from the Management of Operation and Maintenance Mantiqueira – DL/MM. Since then, there was search for solutions to remove part of the facilities. A partnership between Cemig and the City Hall was firmed last year, with the aim of regularizing the school’s situation avoiding its deactivation and ensuring the attendance of students that are in the institution.

According to Carlos Magno, the work initiated in October, isolating the area in two parts, one for the preparation of the new terrain and the other for students’ studies and meals. By the end of the school year, the structure composed of a kitchen, secretary, library and bathrooms, under the transmission line was demolished.

In February, when the classes started, some parts of the school were isolated, which allowed the work to continue, as well as the school’s activities. Further from the new facilities, the Escola Municipal Helena de Almeida Fernandes received a wall in the limit of the servitude line to avoid public access. Cemig always recommends that, before initiating any construction near the electric network, people should seek for guidance through the *Fale com a Cemig* (talk to Cemig), through the telephone number 116, or in any attendance agency.

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