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The ultimate proof (A prova dos nove)

For nine times on end, Cemig is selected for the Dow Jones Index of Sustainability.

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COMPANY

BH hosts 2nd Seminar of Southeast Consumers' Board (BH sedia 2o. Seminário...)

With the support of Cemig, The Company's Consumers' Board held in August 28th and 29th, in Belo Horizonte, the 2nd *Southeast Electricity Consumers' Boards Seminar*. During the event, representatives of 21 boards located in the Southeast exchanged experiences and information about the electric sector and elaborated proposals on account of consumers' interest for the region for joint action.

The opening of the seminar had the presence of Cemig's president Djalma Bastos de Moraes, of director of Distribution and Commercialization Fernando Henrique Schuffner, of federal deputy Arnaldo Jardim and the president of Brazilian Association of Electricity Distributors – ABRADÉE Luiz Carlos Silveira Guimarães.

According to president of Cemig's Consumers' Board Emílio Ludovico Neumann, the event was an opportunity of meeting and a forward step to integrate the actions of the boards. "We have to unite forces and now is the right moment for doing so, as the Country is currently in surplus; we want to give our opinion about financial charges and taxes", he affirmed.

For the president of ABRADÉE the seminar went beyond exchanging experiences and practices. "In the day-to-day of the boards, there is not a lot of time and opportunity to learn about all the dimensions of the issues regarding the electric sector; this event is for that".

At the end of the seminar, the participants signed the Letter of Belo Horizonte. The document states proposals related mainly to the tax issues and it will be forward to the National Congress of several sectors of the society that are involved in the debate about the matter.

This is the second edition to the event. Last year it was held in Vitória (ES). The main objective of the consumers' boards is to represent and to defend the individual and collective interest of the consumers. One of their activities is to forward the suggestions, accusations and complaints to the distributing companies of electricity, among others.

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Improvement works in Governador Valadares (Obras de melhoria em...)

The electricity distribution system of the central area of Governador Valadares is being updated by Cemig. The works that will be done into two phases began in August 16th and will end in October 30th. The works will benefit 10 thousand consumers.

The operation of the initiative had the participation of the three managements of East collegiate, located in Governador Valadares: Commercial Relations and Services Management of Governador Valadares – DL/GV, East Planning and Expansion Management – DL/EE and East Operation and Maintenance Management – DL/EM, besides of the Coordination Management and Maintenance Engineering Management – OM/ME. It aims at improving the interconnection between sub-stations GV1 and GV2 and to expand the population safety as explains DL/GV manager Rosenildo Ramos de Vasconcelos.

“We are replacing these networks, which conduits are conventional, per others of high standard and top technology that are protected and isolated”. He reinforces that “The new network is more modern, is side by side with the one used by Cemig and it will also contribute to reduce the accidental shut downs”.

The manager says that the service is being carried out at weekends to avoid great inconvenient to the consumers. An advertising campaign that counted on the support of the media and partners was held to guarantee that all the affected customers got to know the work plans and could prepare themselves and, if necessary, take precautions. “We carried out a press conference that had also the presence of managers and representatives of the teams of the involved areas with the project. At that time we informed the work schedule, the times and streets of the hyper-center of the county where the works would be performed.

The first phase that has an investment of R\$460 thousand was carried out in August 16th and 30th. The second one that involves investment estimated in R\$1.2 million, began before the first phase had been concluded. On this phase, the aim is to modernize the electric system that serves the hyper-center of Governador Valadares. There will be 44 shut downs on the whole that will last 5 hours average.

“We have been very careful and we have tried to emphasize to the population and media that the inconvenient will be temporary while the benefits will be forever”.

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Cemig renew registry of favored beneficiary by social tariff (Cemig recadastra beneficiados...)

The renewal of the consumers that are beneficiary by the social tariff intensified a lot the movement of the Post Office agencies of the entire State on the last days. The program that will benefit about 700 thousand customers, which consumption varies in average between 80 and 200kWh monthly, is being carried out by Cemig since the beginning of September.

According to administrative acts 315 and 329 of Brazilian Electricity Regulatory Agency - ANEEL, published last August 20th on Official Gazette, all consumers that fit on this band of consumption should go, in person, up to November 19th, to the nearest Post Office agency bearing the original of their SSN and ID or, if they do not have ID, another document that has a photo. If the new register is not done up to the established date, the consumer will have the benefit cancelled. The benefit is gradual and inversely proportional to increase of consumption.

To facilitate the notice, as well as the renewal of the register of the thousands of consumers that live at more than 5 thousand localities scattered by the 774 counties of Minas Gerais served by Cemig, the Company signed an agreement with the Post Office. Thus, the notified consumers will be able to fulfill the resolution going to the Post Office agency of their preference. Cemig’s agencies and the customer service *Fale com a Cemig – 116* (Talk to Cemig – 116) will not render such service.

Through this initiative, Cemig is doing its part as explains Sérgio Freesz, manager of the Invoicing and Tax Collection Coordination – RC/IT, the unit responsible for the operation of the resolution. According to him, there will be also on the bills of October/2008 of the involved customers, a message calling for the renewal of the register. “Currently, Cemig has 5.3 million of residential consumers, but only those who are being notified are the ones who should go the Post Office agencies”. Freesz emphasizes that there is no demand of renewal of register for the residential consumers that fit on the criteria of the social tariff, but that have a monthly average consumption bellow of 80kWh/month, as for those the benefit is automatic and will be kept on this way.

ENVIRONMENT

Fruit-bearing seedlings in Vespasiano (Mudas frutíferas em...)

A team from the Central Distribution Emergency and Commercial Services Management – CD/ES, with the support of the Center-South Power Stations Management – AG/CS, showed that with good will and creativity the environment can be improved. The team, located in Vespasiano in the Metropolitan Region of Belo Horizonte, set a true example of citizenship when planted about 120 seedlings of fruit and trees on a land where the field operation base of the city is located.

The initiative of carrying out the project came from CD/ES through supervisor Bernardo Luz that talked to the responsible distribution technician Evaldo One Carvalho Reis and, together, they came to the conclusion that the land of 5 thousand meters could be better used. “We made a decision, got together with the base’s people that, voluntarily, offered to take part of the planting as soon as the land was cleaned and prepared”, says Bernardo.

According to Ricardo Santiago de Souza, a technician of the maintenance that has worked in Vespasiano for 21 years, the initiative was great and it “certainly” will encourage other sectors of the company to follow the example. “We were all very happy to help and, besides of that, when the trees began to give fruits we will be able to taste the delights of this orchard as well as the beautiful view it will promote”.

Before the planting of the seedlings there were bushes and grass in the land that, besides of putting the employees at risk, caused a lot of visual pollution to the company’s environment. Among the planted seedlings of fruit-trees there are: black mulberry, guava, Surinam cherry, *graviola* (soursop), cocoa, java plum, *Jatobá* (*Hymenaea courbaril*), sweetsop and inga. The ornamental trees planted were: *sibipiruna* (*Caesalpinia peltophoroides*), ficus, *Unha de vaca* (*Bauhinia forficata*) and others of small and medium size. The seedlings came from the seedling laboratory of the company that is located at São Gabriel Power Station – SG. “The support of AG/CS’ team, especially of workmates Ilton Viana Dias and Giovanni Antônio Rodrigues, was extremely important towards the project. They, besides of supplying the plants, gave us all the assistance and instructions regarding the particularities of each tree that was planted”, affirms Bernardo.

But the saga does not end there. Everyday the local employees take into turns to water the plants as during the dry season the trees are at a risk of drying and dying if they are not watered daily. This example set by the team of Vespasiano shows that Cemig’s employee is well prepared and aware of the changes that the world is going through and initiatives such as this can affect the relationship between society and the environment.

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GASMIG COLUMN

Gasmig prepare 2009-2013 Business Plan (Gasmig prepara Plano de Negócios 2009-2013)

The Gas Company of Minas Gerais – GASMIG is studying the challenges that it is willing to face on the next five years. The result of this process will be 2009-2013 Business Plan, according to the announcement made by president José Carlos de Mattos during a meeting with the employees at the company’s headquarters.

At that time, the administrative-director Josumar do Amaral presented the new communication campaign of the process of the Strategy’s Management of the company, the Total Gas. By the slogan “Your energy makes Gasmig to grow”, the campaign focuses on the importance of the involvement of the staff towards the success of the company’s strategy.

The Business Plan determines the company’s strategy at a fixed time. In practice, the plan evaluates the economical, structural and legal conditions that affect the environment in which the company belongs to and sets out the path to go through.

At Gasmig the elaboration of the Business Plan started in July with the presentation of internal and external diagnosis. In October the work reaches the home straight: the detailing of the plan that foresees the analysis of the investments portfolio projects, market’s perspectives, projections of results and the financing. The last phase is the approval of 2009-2013 Business Plan foreseen for next November.

(Slogan no canto inferior direito da página): TOTAL GAS – YOUR ENERGY MAKES GASMIG GROW

***Peixe Vivo Program* promotes works at Três Marias Power Station** (Programa Peixe Vivo promove...)

Created to develop action, in partnership with several segments of society and research centers, in favor of the preservation of aquatic fauna in the river basins where Cemig has power stations, *Peixe Vivo Program* has carried out a series of works at Três Marias Hydroelectric power station. The works, at the amount of R\$4.3 million, try to adequate the power station's structure and to reduce the accident risks that involve the ichthyofauna.

Some wholes on the protection wall of the spillway have been made in order to avoid that the fish get stuck and to allow the oxygenation and exchange of water with the outside of the structure in case of a great concentration of species. Besides of that, the of the spillway chute that was drained to the local, attracting fish, was deviated to the outside of the structure.

On the top of that, a network of tunnels and valves that will direct the entire water and oil of the power station to a sorting out tank is being constructed. The objective is to increase the control to reduce to zero the chances of contamination of São Francisco River's water in case of oil leakage.

A physical barrier has also been installed in front of the generating units avoiding that boaters put themselves at risk at the safety restrict area.

However, the most celebrated civil action is the installation of a screen mesh that blocks the entry of great quantity of fishes in the draft channel during the stop and start-up of the generating units of the power station. Before the use of the screen mesh known as stop fish (*photo*), 2.5 tons of fish was rescued from the machines.

According to the environmental analyst of the North Power Stations Management – AG/NT Renato Constâncio, at present there are no more than 180 to 200 kilos of fish caught in the machines. “There was a reduction of 93% in more than 70 maneuvers of last year. It makes easier the rescue during the drainage of the machines and the survival of the fish”, he celebrates. The next steps will be the automation of the screen and the installation of a sensor to guarantee its correct laying.

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INFOVIAS COLUMN

Infovias outshines on the telecommunications sector (Infovias é destaque ...)

Infovias was chosen as Outstanding Performance of the Year on the segment Services of Infra-Structure of Networks by Telecom Yearbook 2008, for its economic-financial performance of last year. Telecom Yearbook, published by *Plano Editorial*, carries out the economic-financial analysis of the telecommunication market in partnership with Getúlio Vargas Foundation – FGV and it has been published, non-stop, for 18 years.

The award and launching of Telecom Yearbook 2008 ceremony was held on September 25th in São Paulo and it had the presence of the businessmen of the main companies of the sector.

Infovias reached also the 57th position at 2007 ranking of the hundred best companies of the Brazilian telecommunications sector, elaborated with basis on the net income and announced at Telecom Yearbook.

According to Infovias' commercial manager Paulo Tozo, “more than an achievement, this award means the recognition for all competent work that has been done by the employees, partners, administrators and stockholders of Infovias and that has allowed the company to grow on sustainable manner, fulfilling the needs of its clients with profitability”.

(FOTO do prêmio): TELECOM Yearbook 2008

COMPANY

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Nine times (Nove vezes...)

How the index is established

The Dow Jones is revised annually based on questionnaires sent to the companies as well as on public information available at annual reports and websites that reveal the performance of the company economically, environmentally and socially speaking. The survey of the selection of the companies that integrated Dow Jones Sustainability World Index 2008 included 2.5 thousand companies of 57 industrial fields and of 51 countries. The entire process of research and selected was audited, worldwide, by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The eligible companies to take part on the index were invited in the beginning of April 2008 and they had up to April 23rd to confirm their interest in taking part on the process of selection. The deadline to fill in the sent questionnaires was June 4th and the index was finally announced on September 4th. The super-leaders of each sector are usually announced along with DJSI. Last year Cemig was as the super-leader of the *utilities* sector that includes the concessionaires of public services such as electricity, gas distribution and sanitation.

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Cemig was selected to take part on the portfolio of Dow Jones Sustainability World Index – DJSI World, on its 2008/2009 edition, together with other 320 companies of 27 countries. Cemig is also the only company of the electricity sector of South America to take part of DJSI World since 2000 when it was announced to first list to the index.

DJSI World is formed by stocks of the biggest companies negotiated at New York Stock Exchange. These companies, respecting their different economical sectors, are characterized by the recognition of their corporative sustainability, ability of creating value for the stockholders at long term, skills to take advantage of the opportunities and management of the risks associated with economical, environmental and social factors.

The criteria for the selection of these companies are guided by Sustainable Asset Management – SAM, an independent company that is concerned with sustainable investments which headquarters is in Zurich, Switzerland.

The questionnaire sent by SAM is answered every year by a team coordinated by Entrepreneurial Sustainability Superintendence – ES and formed by technicians of the Distribution and Commercialization Board of Directors– DCD and Generation and Transmission Board of Directors – GTD and the Investor Relations Superintendence – IR, Entrepreneurial Communication – EC, Energetic Technology and Alternatives Superintendence – ET and Human Resources – HR.

Each answer demands a presentation of proof that can be sent directly to or consulted by SAM that access directly the website of the company.

For Cemig, to take part of DJSI World reveals its commitment with the entrepreneurial sustainable development on the management of its activities, including practices of corporative policies, respect to the environment and well-being of the society by the effective creation of value to the stockholders.

Along these nine years on end of participation of Dow Jones Index, Cemig has achieved some important worldwide distinctions. At last edition, 2007/2008, Cemig was selected as the worldwide leader of *utilities* super-sector that includes the companies that render services of electricity, gas distribution, sanitation and other service of public interest. At 2005/2006 edition it was considered world leader of the electricity sector.

The selection of the companies takes into account not only the financial performance, but mainly the quality and continuous improvement of the Company's management that has to integrate the environmental and social performance as a way of sustainability at long term. Since its creation in January 1999, DJSI has become a world reference for investors and administrators of foreign resources that base themselves on the performance of the companies to make their decisions of investments.

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Survey of *Data Valor* indicates Cemig as the most efficient of the sector (Levantamento do Data Valor...)

GENERATION

Construction of power station reaches its final phase (Construção de usina entra...)

Consortium UHE Baguari, formed by Neoenergia (51%), Cemig (34%) and Furnas (15%) companies, carried out the deviation of Doce River in Governador Valadares, East of Minas Gerais, on August 16th. It began the final phase of the construction of Hydroelectric Power Station Baguari. Baguari, that has a capacity of 140MW, will generate enough electricity to serve a city of about 450 thousand inhabitants. The cost of the works is of about R\$516 million of which 70% were financed by National Bank of Economic and Social Development – BNDES.

According to the consortium, the work of Baguari is within the schedule and it has already brought positive results for the population of the region. At the current phase, Baguari is generating about 1.7 thousand direct employments.

The reservoir of the hydroelectric power station will have 16km² including areas of Sobrália, Fernandes Tourinho and Alpercata counties on the right shore and Governador Valadares and Periquito counties on the another shore.

Besides of the increment of the electricity supply and quality for the region, Baguari will benefit counties and riparian villages that will be able to count on water supply throughout the year. The power station is a run-of-river hydroelectric power station, that is to say, the entire volume of water that gets to the reservoir goes through it, minimizing the environmental impact due to the small flooded area.

At the implementation of the hydroelectric power station, UHE Baguari Consortium follows strictly the environmental preservation plan that will install a ladder to allow the transposition of the dam by the fishes that live in Doce River.

On the top of that, UHE Baguari Consortium has the social commitment with the population of the surroundings. Several projects have been developed such as the refurbishment and extension of schools and health center, police detachment of Pedra Corrida district (Governador Valadares' county) and the qualification of 469 workers of the region.

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TECHNICAL DATA

Localization	Doce River (MG)
Installed capacity	140MW
Beginning of operations	30/07/09
Investment	R\$516 million
Number of turbines	four units of 35MW
Dam's height	25 meters
Reservoir	16km²
Employments	1.700 direct and indirect
Consortium	Neoenergia (51%), Cemig (34%), Furnas (15%)

Celebration in Igarapé (Comemoração em Igarapé)

Igarapé Thermoelectric Power Station, located in the county of Juatuba – Metropolitan Region of Belo Horizonte -, completed last July 30 years of operation. On August 22nd was held, at its facilities, an event to pay homage to the people that, somehow, contributed to the operation of the power station for these 30 years. The event had the presence of directors, superintendents, managers, former managers and local authorities.

With maximum power of 131MW, even though Igarapé is not being used continuously, it performs an important role for MRBH. It is a source of generation of electricity that can be used any time that there is a restriction of supply on the transmission lines or equipment faults of the sub-stations. On the periods of little rain or extended drought the operation of Igarapé helps to save water of the reservoirs of several hydroelectric power stations of the Country, reducing the risks of “blackouts” and rationing of electricity. Such aspect emphasizes the importance of Igarapé to the National Interconnected System – NIS. On the top of that, it serves the contingencies such as the export of electricity to Argentina and Uruguay for the last two years during winter.

The manager of Thermal Power Stations – AG/TP Fernando Augusto Vitória Malta, believes that besides of being economically good business for Cemig, Igarapé is also the technological embryo of operation and maintenance for new acquisitions and for the expansion of thermal generation at the Company. The manager adds that Igarapé, besides of its technical attributions, it carries out social works together with the community. Igarapé counts on the employers, Social Center of Francelinos, ASIN project of Cemig and the City Hall of Juatuba as its partners on such enterprise.

According to Fernando, the power station offers its facilities and aids on the sponsor of professionalizing, cultural, sports and assistential activities such as computing course and qualification of residential electricians and of waiters.

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Fernando Augusto highlighted the social works developed by the employees

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COMPANY

Cemig supports *Travessia Program* (Cemig apoia Programa Travessia)

After 12 months of negotiation, Cemig and Residues Management System – RMS concluded last August 5th the process of assignment of use of transmission line band – TL for the installation of the Environmental Activities Industrial Center, in Ribeirão das Neves, Metropolitan Region of Belo Horizonte. The event had the presence of manager Rodolfo de Souza Monteiro and engineer Omar de Alvarenga Filho, of the Center Distribution Maintenance Management – DC/CM, and Sérgio Alves Guimarães, vice-president of RMS.

This enterprise is part of *Travessia Program*, a structuring program of the state govern that has as its goals: improve the quality of life, reduce poverty and include productively the population that are on a social vulnerability situation. The program involves several public secretariats and bodies that are under the coordination of State Secretariat of Social Development – SEDESE.

An area of 1.27km², located in the land of José Maria Alkimin Prison, will be used for the installation of an industrial district by Company of Development of Minas Gerais State – CODEMIG and for economical and social activities. The Distribution Lines Engineering Management– EX/DL studied the feasibility of the project and recommended the installation of an embankment of solid residues. The installation received also a positive view of the Regulatory Rights, Tax and Commercial Management – JR/TC forwarded to the Center Distribution Maintenance Management – DC/CM.

The Environmental Activities Industrial Center will receive industrial residues Class II A and residential solid residues deriving from the regular collection of the counties close to the enterprise, at co-resolution regime. The embankment of solid residues to be built on this area, where are located the transmission lines that connects Sub-Station – SS Neves 1 to SS Pedro Leopoldo 3 and SS Matozinhos to SS Neves 1 and has a tension of 138kV, will be the biggest environmental project of the State and it will use of the prison as a police of re-socialization of the inmates, giving them the opportunity of inclusion on the society and the possibility of reducing their penalty.

EFFICIENTIA BRIEFING

Co-generation at Plantar Iron Metallurgy Plant (Cogeração na siderúrgica da Plantar)

Efficientia signed its fourth contract of performance for the installation of a co-generation system. The project is composed by the good use of the gas generated at the process of iron-cast production at the industrial unit of Plantar Iron Metallurgy Plant, in the county of Sete Lagoas – Metropolitan Region of Belo Horizonte -, for the production of electricity on a turbogenerator.

The co-generation is the simultaneous production of mechanical or electric and heat power from an only one source of heat and, through this process of energetic conversion, searches to improve the electricity quality produced by a fuel, reducing the losses during its use.

Currently, the volume of gas produced at the unit is partially used on the heating of injected air of the two blast furnaces of the iron metallurgy plant and the part that is not used is burnt and put on the atmosphere without any use. According to the coordinator of the project, Marco Aurélio G. Monteiro, the aim of the installation of the project is to make good use of this available gas burning fit on a boiler and generating steam at high pressure and temperature that will be directed to a steam turbine connected to a generator of a gross capacity of 5.000kW.

The project includes the details and the full installation of a small thermoelectric power station as well as the optimization of the use of the gas at the industrial plant in order to increase the availability of gas to the thermoelectric power station.

With this project Plantar will become self-sufficient on electricity and will need supply from the distribution network only at maintenance and emergency periods, besides of generating a marketable overage of which Cemig can act as a trader. It will represent, for Cemig's electricity system, the spare use of a total of 2.600kW at peak time and an electricity consumption economy of 22.000kW per year that can be traded to other clients of the same region.

The Client (O cliente)

Iron Metallurgy Plant Plantar S.A. has performed on the domestic and foreign trades since 1985 producing cast-iron of quality. Regarding industrial activities, the planting of eucalyptus of the group aims at guaranteeing sustainability to the iron metallurgy plant, for the iron-cast production, using renewable energy (charcoal) and fulfilling the principles of Kyoto Protocol. Plantar Group has certified forests in agreement with the criteria of Forest Stewardship Council.

The works developed aiming at the excellence of the industrial procedures received the certificate ISO 9002 in 1997 for the production and trade of cast-iron. Plantar was the first iron metallurgy plant producer of cast-iron non-integrated of Brazil to have its management system certified in agreement with ISO 14000 norms.

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Cart makes its presence felt at *Oikós* (Carreta marca presence no *Oikós*...)

Part of the official calendar of Timóteo in *Vale do Aço, Brincando, Fazendo and Learning at Oikós* (Playing, Doing and learning at *Oikós*) program, attracted this year more than 13.200 visitors of all ages to the Environmental Teaching Center of *ArcelorMittal Inox Brasil – Oikós*, a neighbor of State Park of Rio Doce, area of natural preservation known as Biosphere Reserve by United Nations Organization – UN. On its 17th edition, the slogan of the event was *Visit the forest while school lessons do not start*.

At a very pleasant place, children and teenagers could have fun with adventure sports, toys, workshops about camping techniques, theatre performances and other activities prepared especially to the young public.

According to the organizers, Cemig is a “vital partner” to the success of the event, contributing, for the second year on end, with the mobile unit *Energy for Life (photo)* that merged completely to the objectives of the event that received visits of students.

Donation of autoclaves to Charity Home of Carangola (Doação de autoclaves para...)

On August 19th Cemig delivered to the Charity Home of Carangola two autoclaves (*photo*). For the acquisition of this equipment it was invested R\$220 thousand. The resources came from Energetic Efficiency Program of Brazilian Electricity Regulatory Agency – ANEEL.

The autoclaves will allow the Charity Home of Carangola to improve its quality of the hospital sterilization, helping on the prevention of hospital infections, on the appliance of cleaning, disinfection and sterilization techniques of the materials of hospital use and on the destruction of pathologic microorganisms, besides of optimizing its electricity consumption.

The installation of the autoclaves will result on an economy of approximately R\$15 thousand per year for the institution.

As well as looking after the financial situation of those who takes care of our health, Cemig is contributing to the people of Minas to be able to enjoy the best electricity of Brazil.

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CULTURE

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Paulo Laborne photographs Brazil in Piauí (Paulo Laborne fotografa...)

On September 10th, Cemig opened the photo exhibition *Piauí*, of artist Paulo Laborne, selected by the 17th Talent Contest.

The last exhibitions of the artist were marked by international themes. *Piauí* sets the return of Laborne to the Country's roots. "It is a return to Brazil with a Brazilian theme, a thought about Brazil's culture, mainly of the inhabitants of *sertão*", says the artist.

According to plastic artist José Alberto Nemer, as surrealist poet André Breton has said one about his passion for the unusual, "to look for the gold of time seems to be also a worry of Paulo Laborne when, through photos or experimental documentaries, he keeps his eyes peeled looking for a great meaning for the surrounding reality".

Cinematographic producer Luiz Carlos Barreto compliments also, on text of launching of the exhibition, the several facets of Laborne's work: "From abstract to concrete, from surreal to realism, from illustrative to documental, Paulo Laborne photographs what his eyes see, what arouses and touches his sensibility".

Laborne explains that Piauí is one of the poorest States of Brazil and the culture of northeast people, on the environment of scrubland and drought is something very strong. The photos show the integration of an inhospitable and hard-survival region. It is a hard reality that goes against the love the northeasterner has for his/her land, costumes and culture. "The northeasterner goes through several difficulties, but he/she does not want to leave his/her land", emphasis the photographer.

The artist

Paulo Laborne, native of Abaeté, is a photographer and film maker who has been awarded on photography, cinema and video works. He studied drawing and cinema at Fine Arts School of UFMG and had done an advanced course of photography at PUC Minas. The artist has carried out several solo theme exhibitions: *Art Deco – Miami Beach*, *Antique Cars*, *Theatre of Minas Gerais*, *Women and Drag Queens*, and about 50 exhibitions of collective shows among others. He has also been part of the technical team of Brazilian film makers Walter Lima Júnior, Fernando Meirelles and Alberto Graça. For the last six years he had some of his photos included among the 50 best photos of advertising in Brazil, through Conrado Wessel Foundation.

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