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ECONOMY

Cemig had profits of R\$ 1.7 billion last year

Cemig boasted net profits of R\$ 1,735 billion last year, in comparison to the net profits of R\$ 1.719 billion in 2006. Two outstanding records were achieved in the period: the EBITDA, which reached R\$ 4.1 billion with 26.41% of growth in relation to the previous year, and the energy sales, which amounted to 57,892 GWh. This 9.44% increase in the energy volume billed confirms the continuous and increasing trajectory of total GWh billed to final consumers. In the last two years, the growth in energy sales was of 46%.

Another highlight last year was the inclusion of the Company, for the eighth consecutive time, in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, which also selected Cemig as a world leader in the Super-sector Utilities.

Last year, the Company invested R\$ 601 million to connect 280,000 new consumers in the State of Minas Gerais, and to ensure the quality of its service

Growth

The chairman of the Board of Directors, Marcio Araujo de Lacerda, has declared that "the results demonstrate the success of our Strategic Plan, guaranteeing a position of leadership for Cemig in the process of consolidating the Brazilian electric sector. The verified growth in all Cemig businesses was due both to the continuous economic expansion in the State of Minas Gerais and to the acquisitions, which, together with a more efficient structure, allow us to become more agile in an ever more dynamic sector".

The energy volume sold to other utilities last year amounted to 13,236 GWh, compared to 11,472 GWh sold in 2006, values which corresponds to R\$ 1.21 billion and R\$ 709 million, respectively. This expressive increase results basically from the commencement of operations at the Irapé Hydroelectric Power Plant located in the Jequitinhonha Valley, and also from the large energy volume negotiated through bilateral contracts with electric energy dealers and from improvements in negotiated prices. Also noteworthy is the energy exported to Argentina and Uruguay.

"A Year of records"

President Djalma Bastos de Moraes stated that "it was a year of records. We sold 57,892 MWh last year, which was a hallmark in the history of Cemig, and demonstrates the capacity of the Company to capture market opportunities. We won, through a consortium, the bidding process run for the construction of the Santo Antônio Hydroelectric Power Plant, which enables the participation of Cemig, in a profitable manner, in the largest projects of the electric sector. Moreover, we have started the construction of various Small Hydroelectric Power Plants – SHPs and of the Baguari HPP. In all, 2007 will be remembered in the history of Cemig. But, to be the best energy in Brazil, we pay special attention to our staff, and the election of Cemig as the best company to work for by Exame Magazine demonstrates that"

The Chief Financial, Acquisitions and Investor Relations Officer, Luiz Fernando Rolla, comments that "these results are in line with the values estimated in our economic planning and in the Long Term Strategic Plan and reflect the effectiveness of our growth strategy through acquisitions and projects, within the sector's consolidation process. This is proven by the acquisitions made in 2006, which are already contributing with 10% of the consolidated result".

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PROGRAMS

FOTO: Benefit allows for a reduction of up to 70% in the cost of energy for irrigation

Re-registration helps to reduce impact of drought

Cemig is re-registering rural consumers in the Northern Minas Gerais, Jequitinhonha Valley and Mucuri Valley regions. This measure is part of a broad state government program to reduce the impact suffered by these regions due to the low level of rainfall recorded at the beginning of the year. The announcement was made on February 29th in Montes Claros, during a meeting of the Drought Crises Management Committee.

The cost of the energy used to power pumps for artesian wells that are used collectively may be reduced by 15%, with the reclassification as a public service consumer unit. Also, an incentive will be given to foster the use of irrigation pumps during the night.

In addition, the consumers receiving the incentives will be given the permit ion to purchase the special energy meters that function in the hourly-seasonal tariffs in 36 installments. Commercial Relations – RC superintendent Márcio Baumgratz explained that there will be an evaluation of the communities that depend on artesian wells, especially for production, so that different and reduced tariffs can be charged to these consumers, “which may allow for a reduction in billed values by 70%”, affirmed Baumgratz.

The residents of rural regions, who depend on agriculture and cattle-raising for their survival, are those who feel the effects of the drought the most. Rural consumers that use the energy supplied predominantly for residential purposes will be analyzed as to their reclassification. In this manner, they may obtain the benefit of a either a social or a low-income tariff, thus reducing the energy bill from 27 to 74%.

Another measure directed at mitigating the effects of the drought is the establishment of new artesian wells in the 188 municipalities in the area covered by Idene - *Instituto de Desenvolvimento do Norte e Nordeste de Minas* (Northern and North-eastern Minas Gerais Development Institute), with resources from the *Luz Para Todos* (Light for All Program). In all, approximately 500,000 people that live in these municipalities will benefit.

80KW/h

For average residential consumption of less than 80kWh/month in the last 12 months: the application of the social tariff will be automatic.

220KW/h

For average residential consumption between 80 and 220 kWh/month in the last 12 months: to receive the benefit of the social tariff, the client must be part of a federal government social program, such as the *Bolsa Família* (Family Bonus) program, and must provide their *Número de Inscrição Social* (Social Enrolment Number) – NIS to Cemig.

90kW/h

For average residential consumption up to 90 kWh/month: the consumers reclassified as Rural Residential will not pay the ICMS tax.

ATTENTION: For the application of these measures, priority will be given for the 188 municipalities in the area covered by the Northern and North-eastern Minas Gerais Development Institute – Idene. To receive the benefit of the social tariff, it is important that the consumer maintain their average monthly consumption within the established limits.

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RESEARCH

FOTO: Specialists from Cemig and UFMG work to adapt and implement the Linux version of the Power Donut-2 computer system

R&D project optimizes transmission line monitoring

Cemig, in partnership with the Electrical Engineering Department of the UFMG – the Federal University of Minas Gerais –, is implementing a new version of the overhead line monitoring system, called Power Donut-2. The adaptation of the tool is part of the 162 Research and Development – R&D project, which has the goal of increasing by 10% the capacity of the Company's overhead transmission lines.

The system supplies, in real time, information on current, temperature, load and inclination of the overhead conductors. With the new version, it is possible to utilize the GPRS wireless technology from cellular telephone operators and transmit directly the information on the high voltage conductors to the Cemig line monitoring center. These data contribute towards the optimization of the electric load level of the overhead lines and even add to the operational security level of the facilities.

The improvement of the data acquisition and conversion computer system, originally conceived for the Windows platform, for the Linux operational system is also part of the project.

“The professionals from Cemig and UFMG are trained to absorb new Technologies quickly and, what's more, work towards optimization and innovation in the application of these new technologies in Brazil”, affirms normalization and technology engineer Carlos Alexandre Meireles do Nascimento from the Distribution Assets Engineering Management Office – EG/EA, referring to the adaptation of new imported technologies for immediate use in the Cemig electric system. The investment made was on the order of R\$ 500,000. The rest, R\$ 250,000, is being invested by UFMG.

PROGRAMS

FOTO: Cemig connected cellular telephone points in 264 municipalities that benefited from the program

Energy for mobile telephony

Cemig works at an accelerated pace in the supply of energy to locations selected for the implementation of mobile telephone services in 384 municipalities in its concession area, out of the total of 412 that do not yet enjoy this service in Minas Gerais. From last June to February of this year, the Company has already connected the points necessary to serve 264 locations in its concession area, the equivalent of 64% of the municipalities contemplated by the State of Minas Gerais Universalization of Access to Telecommunications Services – Minas Comunica Program, which will guarantee mobile telephone coverage over 100% of the State.

Three operators won the public selection process held within the scope of the state government's Minas Comunica program. The goal of the program is to elevate the position of the State in the national mobile telephone coverage scenario. The average for the Country is 59%, with only two States boasting coverage for 100% of their municipalities.

The Corporate Groups and Corporate Clients Commercial Relations Management Office – RL/GP is the area responsible for the coordination of the implementation of the program, which also involves the field service expansion teams from the regional distribution and network design offices. According to relationship agent Wilson Almeida Pereira, the management office took action in advance, requesting from the operators the coordinates of the locations in which the points will be connected. "We notified them about the areas that had immediate energy availability and also about those areas in which network modifications or adjustments would be necessary for the new connections", he notes.

All this planning allowed Cemig to act swiftly, which guaranteed the success of the work, according to Wilson, who highlighted the collaboration of agents Almir Rodrigues Simões and Sérgio Augusto Nascimento, from RL/GP and of analyst Adinã Luis de Souza, from the Primary Industry Corporate Client Relations Management Office – RL/IB.

Lots auctioned

Lot One, composed of 151 municipalities, with areas codes from 33 to 37 (the Mucuri, Jequitinhonha and Rio Doce Valleys and the Central-Western region) is the furthest ahead, with connected sites in 103 municipalities. Lot Two, covering the Triângulo, Southern, Northern and North-western regions of Minas Gerais, has connected sites in 64 of the 134 municipalities. In Lot Three, for the implementation of cellular telephony in 127 municipalities in the Central and Zona da Mata regions, area codes 31 and 32, there are 97 municipalities whose lots have been connected.

THE ENVIRONMENT

FOTO: The volume of the Três Marias reservoir increased by 30% in the first months of the year

Reservoir Levels

The rainfall in Minas Gerais, from mid-January of this year, has increased the levels of the Cemig plant reservoirs, which increased from a 45% water storage level to 69% at the end of February. In the same period, the improvement in the South-eastern region of the Country was 25 percentage points, reaching an average of 65% of the total capacity of the reservoirs. This situation reduces the possibility of the need for severe measures to reduce electric energy consumption.

“Up to the first half of January, the month with the highest level of rainfall during the rainy season, which runs from October to March, this was a real possibility. The volume of rain that fell in Northern Minas Gerais was the least, while rainfall in the central-southern region of the State was the second least, since 1930”, explains Transmission and Generation Operations and Planning – PO superintendent Evandro Leite Vasconcelos.

According to him, the low levels of rainfall, economic growth in the last year, with the consequent increase in consumption of electric energy, and the natural gas crises, which reduced generation from thermal plants, were the main factors responsible for the warning issues regarding electric energy generation capacity up to the end of the year.

“After January 20th, the situation improved greatly”, he notes. In just the first six days of February, the amount of rainfall was 50% to 70% of what falls in the whole month, which on average, in the central-southern region of the State, is 200 mm. This contributed to a reduction of part of the water deficit in that period”, he emphasizes.

Springs

The rainy season in Minas Gerais is important in the national scenario because the main hydrographic basins exploited for electricity are born in Minas Gerais, observes the superintendent. He also explains that the rain that fell in Central and Northern Minas Gerais flow down the São Francisco River and generates energy at the Cemig Três Marias Plant and at the Sobradinho, Itaparica, Moxotó and Paulo Afonso plants, responsible for the energy supply in the North-eastern

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region of the Country, while precipitation in the Southern and Western regions of the State run through the Grande and Paranaíba river basins, which form the Paraná river, where the Itaipu Plant is located, generating energy in a cascade of over 20 large-sized hydroelectric plants.

The drought, which lasted until the beginning of the year, was accompanied by cautionary measures, taking into consideration the hypothesis, though remote, of rationing. This pessimistic scenario based on the possibility of low levels of rainfall between February and March and the operation of thermal plants and the associated high operation costs, elevated the price of energy on the free market to a high of R\$ 569.50 MWh, contrasted with the previous average of R\$ 70.00 MWh.

Três Marias

A good indicator of the improvement in the situation is the Sobradinho Plant, which fell to 15% of its storage capacity and, at the end of February, whose water volume reached 24.5%. By order of the ONS – National System Operator, the plant is supplied by the Três Marias reservoir with approximately 550 m³/s, under normal conditions. With the increase in the amount of rain and the improvement in upstream flow to Sobradinho, the process was interrupted, allowing Três Marias to retain the rainwater, increasing the stored volume by more than 30%.

MG Tempo

Available on the Cemig intranet since last November is the MG Tempo Climatology Center page, which was created for the Good Morning program run by the Transmission and Generation Executive Office – DGT. The site offers meteorological information that subsidizes the actions and plans for the operation of the Company's electric system. "The available data provide support to discussions or help to explain previous occurrences", explains hydrometeorologist Ruiبران dos Reis from the Energy Planning Management Office – PO/PE.

The current site is the third version on the intranet, expanding access by Cemig employees to the data. According to Ruiبران, in the past, the meteorological information from the Good Morning program were posted on closet doors and, at an earlier time, via internal network, only accessible by departments involved with the generation business. "There has been a democratization of access to this information. Now other technicians make use of it", he affirms.

In addition to weather forecasts, the Page exhibits animated satellite images of Brazil and South America, updated every 15 minutes, data on wildfires and maps with pressure fields and precipitation. Despite having been planned to be read with an explanation by a meteorologist, the service also allows users to easily consult the weather forecast for any city in Minas Gerais.

According to the hydro-meteorologist, a more complete and educational site is being developed by the MG Tempo team. It is expected to be available on the intranet for all users this month.

TECHNOLOGY

Cemig partnership with Efficientia adds value to energy consumed

For some, it may seem paradoxical that the Cemig group sells energy and, at the same time, owns a company, Efficientia, which teaches people and companies how to reduce their consumption. However, in the globalized market, Efficientia's work does not negatively affect the Company's revenues, but, on the contrary, allows for client's satisfaction and competitiveness, making it possible to transform energy into the production of a larger number of goods and the attraction of new investments in its concession area.

The Efficientia portfolio runs from simple diagnostics to the implementation of energy solutions and energy efficiency projects, to training and various consulting services. At first, these services may even result in a reduction in consumption and momentary loss of revenues from energy sales, but the resources saved by the client will be redirected to Efficientia, a company that is wholly owned by Cemig, and will be compensated by the expansion of the market, without the need for additional investments by Cemig. For this reason, Efficientia, in the face of the current scenario, has become a useful and profitable partner for both the company managers and its consumers.

Survey

Efficientia is currently conducting a survey, within the Cemig 100% Efficient program, coordinated by the Energy Utilization and Revenue Protection Coordination Management Office – RC/PR, with the goal of identifying opportunities at Company facilities which, altogether, represent consumption in excess of R\$ 1 million per month.

The information, collected and analyzed, will allow for the identification and implementation of measures that may be applied at more than one company facility, which contributes towards the reduction in consumption and which serves as an example for other units and for society in general. All the kilowatt-hours saved represent a reduction in internal expenses and an increase in energy that can be offered to our clients. For this purpose, Efficientia is asking all those that have not yet responded to the survey to send their completed forms as soon as possible so that there are no delays and so that all possible energy efficiency options can be explored.

Course

In April, Efficientia launched the Energy Efficiency Management development course, which lasts 10 months and has a course load of 190 hours, recommended for all managers of company facilities, members of the Internal Energy Conservation Commission – Cice and client relationship agents.

EFFICIENTIA INFORMATIVE

Efficientia signs contract with Belgo de Vespasiano

Efficientia signed a performance contract with the Belgo Bekaert company for the implementation of an energy efficiency Project that has the goal of improving and realizing savings in the current lighting system at the Vespasiano unit in the Metropolitan Belo Horizonte Region, where the project, in its initial phase, has already seen an energy audit with a focus on the obsolete and inefficient equipment that is part of the system.

The proposed Project calls for the replacement of 3,900 obsolete lighting fixtures with 3,100 mirrored lighting fixtures, equipped with the latest generation of light bulbs and electronic reactors, in addition to reducing demand by 175 kW at peak hours and off-peak hours and a reduction of 1,477 MWh of annual consumption.

According to Project coordinator Cláudio Latorre, Belgo Bekeart, a company in the Arcelor Mittal Belgo Group, is a producer of steel cord for radial tires and wire for reinforcing hoses.

THE COMMUNITY

Between February 12th and 21st, a *Cemig na Praça* program team from the Northern Collegiate visited five municipalities in the region: Ponto Chique, São Romão, Itacambira (Salto community), Pintópolis and Ninheira. More than 2,300 requests were received and serviced, ranging from complaints about billed consumption volumes to field trips to perform verifications made by a team of Company electricians. In the community of Salto, which has 25 inhabitants, Rural Client Guide primers were distributed and information on the rights and duties of clients were given.

Noteworthy among the services provided is the registration of clients that participate in the Federal Government's *Bolsa-Família* (Family Allowance) Program in the social tariff mode, thus reducing the value billed for those needy families living in these municipalities. Lectures and informative material, such as leaflets and primers, on the efficient use of energy were part of the activities involving the 2,000 students of five public schools located in these cities.

According to administrative technician Arkadi Menezes Popoff, of the Services and Commercial Relations Management Office – DO/MC, these visits promote the satisfaction of consumers with the services that are provided to the community and, in a reciprocal manner, also make the Program's team feel even more enthusiastic about the work.

FOTO

Cemig Agent attends consumers in Ninheira

Lecture for students in Teófilo Otoni

On February 11th, employees from the Teófilo Otoni Services and Commercial Relations Management Office – DL/TO delivered a lecture at the municipal educational cooperative Cooped for 70 Junior High students. The theme of the talk was "Safe and Sustainable Use of Electric Energy".

Safety manager Carlos Fernandes explained to the students about the risks in using electric energy, while Cemig in Schools – Procel program local coordinator, Jeâne Hellen, highlighted the need to combat electric energy wastage by changing our habits. She explained to the students how the sustainable use of electric energy can contribute to the preservation of the environment.

The route of electric energy all the way from generation to distribution was shown by means of video images and miniature models showing the operation of a hydroelectric power plant and the consumption of energy in the household.

Emater highlights partnership with DL/SJ

In December of last year, Cemig was given the "Outstanding Partnership of the Year" certificate, awarded by the São João Del Rei Regional Office of Emater/MG - *Empresa de Assistência Técnica e Extensão Rural de Minas Gerais* (Minas Gerais Rural Extension and Technical Studies). The initiative was part of Rural Collaborator Day, a date on which Emater pays homage to personalities, companies and institutions.

For ten years now Cemig and Emater have been partners in the Campo das Vertentes region, carrying out activities aimed at improvements in the rural producers' quality of life. Cemig "represents all the companies that aid us in this daily journey to be side by side with rural producers in the most diverse types of activities", remarked Emater's regional manager Carlos do Carmo Rodrigues.

According to commercial agent Luiz Carlos Rodrigues de Mendes, of the São João Del Rei Services and Commercial Relations Management Office – DL/SJ, the award is recognition of the company's efforts towards regional development.

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Commercial agent Luiz Carlos Mendes (on the right) received the certificate

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THE CONSUMER

FOTO

Homemakers pay close attention to explanations

Homemakers movement receives explanations on tariff revision

Tariff manager – PP/TF, Maura Gallupo met with members of the *Movimento das Donas de Casa e Consumidores de Minas Gerais* (Minas Gerais Homemakers and Consumers' Movement) – MDC-MG to provide clarification regarding questions concerning the public hearing held by Aneel – National Electric Energy Agency on the 5th of March. The goal was to obtain subsidies and additional information for the improvement of Cemig's second periodic tariff revision to take place this year.

The hearing was broadly publicized in the media, guaranteeing the desired transparency in Cemig's tariff revision, initiated on January 31st this year, with the disclosure by Aneel of the preliminary mean index of -9.72%, proposed for the distributor tariffs. The definitive percent value is to enter into force on the 08th of April.

The tariff readjustment of electric energy distribution utilities in the entire Country is defined by Aneel and is authorized annually, on different dates, for each company. In addition to the readjustment, Aneel periodically conducts tariff revisions. In the revision, Aneel reassesses accounting balances of each utility company and adjusts the distributor's electric energy tariff to higher or lower values.

According to Maura Galuppo, each electric energy distribution utility has a specific date for tariff adjustments and that must be taken into account when compared with the other utility companies. For example, if a comparative survey on price perception among consumers is carried out in July, the services of those utility companies whose tariffs were readjusted in the first two quarters may be assessed as more expensive than those that have not had their tariffs adjusted yet.

The Homemakers Movement has a seat on the Cemig Consumer Council, as a representative of the residential class. Clarifications contributed towards a better understanding of the role of Aneel, on what tariff revision represents (tariff periodicity), on revenue and tariff compositions and on the characteristics of Cemig's concession. The subject was discussed with the other members of the council, which is composed of representatives from all the electric energy consumption classes (rural, industrial, commercial, residential, and public powers) and of Public Administration.

INFOVIAS COLUMN

Infovias remunerates its integral shareholder

Empresa de Infovias S.A. celebrated last year its fourth consecutive accounting period boasting positive results in terms of operational cash generation and the third consecutive year with profits, since its foundation. As the integral shareholder, Cemig also has reason to celebrate, as for the first time, Infovias has contributed to profits in the holding company, with the transfer of R\$ 89 million.

This transfer was the result the excellent results registered by Infovias, especially last year, when it had an operational cash flow of R\$ 38 million, a 56% margin over net revenue, one of the sector's best, and a profit of R\$ 58 million.

Worth noting in the period was the sale of Way TV Belo Horizonte S.A. to TNL PCS Participações S.A., the winner of the auction held in July, 2006. The sale was authorized by Anatel - *Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações* (National Telecommunications Agency) on the 14th of November last year. The winning company bid R\$ 150 million, which represented a premium more than 50% above the minimum price established in the invitation to bid.

THE COMPANY

DDC delivers mega jumpers to all collegiates

All collegiates from the Commercialization and Distribution Executive Office – DDC already rely on the support of mega jumper equipment, which will provide consumers in all regions of the state with agility in service, thus reducing disconnection indices. Five new tractor/trailer sets installed with mega jumper equipment were delivered to the operational areas of the Distribution Environmental Management and Field Services, Maintenance and Operational Engineering Coordination Superintendence – OM and of the Distribution Engineering Superintendence – EG, totaling 6 mega jumpers.

According to distribution maintenance and operation planning engineer Hélio Domingos R. Carvalho, of the Distribution Assets Engineering Management Office – EG/EA, every collegate has the equipment. “This will minimize to the maximum the interruptions in energy supply, which will impact improvements to the Duration Equivalent per Interruption per Consumer Unit – DEC and other indices”, he explains.

The tractor/trailer sets are destined to assist maintenance activities in the overhead distribution network, preventing disconnections and allowing for a reduced service reestablishment time for certain interruptions. That will enable the Company to increase the level of electric energy supply service continuity, a reduction in the amount of non-supplied energy, a decreased number of complaints and an increased level of client satisfaction, better continuity indices (duration of interruption), contribute to non-exposure to fines by Aneel – National Electric Energy Agency and greater savings and profitability for the Company, according to Hélio Domingos.

What is it? The mega jumper consists of a set of equipment – insulated cable, terminals and connectors – assembled on a trailer especially designed for maintenance services in non-energized circuits. The remaining stretch remains energized, thus reducing the average time for the reestablishment of energy supply to consumer units, mainly for those networks that rely on only one feeding source.

The mega jumper may also be utilized in scheduled maintenances or for system expansion activities, aimed at network improvements, consequently reducing the number of consumers affected. It is also a useful tool for the maintenance of substations serving primary consumers or in respect to fuse switches and the knives that are connected to them. In addition, the utilization of this technology increases the availability of the live line teams, as maintenance activities will be made with non-energized line teams.

FOTO

New equipment will provide for the agility of services all over the State

GASMIG COLUMN

Gasmig has 47 new employees

The forty seven applicants approved (picture) in the public selection process held by Gasmig in the second half of last year started working on March 10th, filling positions in practically every one of the company units. Of the 47, 30 occupy high-school level positions and 17 university level positions.

In addition to occupying the vacant positions, the selection process also provided for the creation of a reserve registry with professionals of both high school and university levels in Belo Horizonte,

Contagem, Ipatinga, Juiz de Fora and Poços de Caldas, having in view Gasmig's expansion projects, mainly in the Vale do Aço and South of Minas regions.

Candidates were selected for 17 positions in the high-school level, and in the university level, the selection process comprised positions for junior lawyer, junior communications analyst, finance analyst, junior tariff and gas acquisition, junior and senior comptrollership analyst, junior administrative management analyst, junior corporate management analyst, senior I logistics analyst, junior supply planning analyst, junior planning analyst, junior and senior human resources analyst, junior and senior client relations analyst, junior systems analyst, junior system support analyst, junior and senior finance analyst, junior and senior I auditor, junior operation and maintenance engineer, junior project and construction engineer and junior occupational safety engineer.

The new employees were welcomed on the morning of the 10th by GASMIG director-president José Carlos de Mattos, and by administrative director Josumar do Amaral.

EFFICIENCY

Program installs heating system at foundation supporting children with cancer

On February 28th, Cemig concluded the installation of a solar water heating system at the new facilities of the Fundação Sara Albuquerque Costa, in Montes Claros. The equipment replaces eight electrical showers used for 70 daily showers, on average. The new system, which in certain periods of the year will be complemented with electric energy, is to provide for estimated savings of more than R\$ 15,000 a year for the institution.

This initiative is an integral part of the Energy Efficiency Program and received investments from Cemig on the order of R\$ 70,000. Inaugurated in October of last year, the new facilities of the Fundação Sara Albuquerque Costa received financial support from the Company and its employees, covering 30% of the total construction cost, by means of several fundraising campaigns and the Al6% Program. With the inauguration, more than 70 people per day can be helped.

The Sara Foundation

The philanthropic institution was founded by Marlene and Álvaro Gaspar, parents of Sara, who died in November, 1997 at the age of 4 due to leukemia. The objective of the entity is to provide support to children and adolescents with cancer and hematological diseases who are undergoing treatment in the city of Montes Claros.

Following their daughter's death, the parents undertook as a mission to convey to others all they had learned with their daughter's illness and try to ease the suffering of needy families, giving them support during the treatment. Up to November of last year, the foundation had assisted, free of charge, a total of 349 children and adolescents coming from 75 cities in the North of Minas and South of Bahia.

Beneficiaries, who are all under 18 years old, stay in the lodgings for the time they need to enable chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments to be performed.

Al6% Project

Cemig employees' Al6% Project invested nearly R\$ 250,000 in concluding the construction of the new Fundação Sara (Sara Foundation) building. Inaugurated in October of last year, the new Fundação Sara building was constructed and as much as 30% of the costs were provided by Cemig and its employees, by means of several fundraising campaigns, voluntary donations and the Al6% Program in the past six years. The program provides for the destination of up to 6% of the Income Tax owed by Cemig employees to the Child and Adolescent Fund – FIA. The initiative is a result of a partnership between *Projeto Ações Sociais Integradas* (Integrated Social Actions Project) – Asin and *Associação Intergerencial da Cemig* (Cemig Inter-managerial Association) – AIC.

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