

WITH A RECORD OF MORE THAN 800,000 CONNECTIONS, CÁLIDDA CELEBRATES FIFTEEN YEARS BRINGING NATURAL GAS TO OVER 3.5 MILLION PERUVIANS

- *With investments close to US \$ 1.000 million, Cálidda is the first natural gas distributor in Peru with more than 9.691 kilometers of distribution networks.*
- *Thanks to the policy of natural gas massification in Peru, the emission of more than 50 million tons of carbon dioxide into the environment has been avoided and savings of US \$ 34.000 million have been achieved.*
- *With the installation of free connections to natural gas, more than 800 community kitchens have benefited, contributing to the well-being of 70,000 low-income Peruvians.*

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Lima, May 15, 2019: One of the most successful business growth in Peru in recent years is that of Cálidda, a company that deeply committed to the policy of expanding natural gas, an energy more friendly to the environment, which has benefited Peruvian households.

The company whose majority shareholder is Grupo Energía Bogotá with 60% of the shares -the remaining 40% is owned by Promigas- celebrated its 15-year history in an event that was attended by representatives of the public and private sector of this country, as well as the presidents of Grupo Energía Bogotá, Astrid Álvarez, of Promigas, Eric Flesch, and Cálidda, Jorge Olazábal.

Its success story is reflected in the results in these 15 years. Today it has more than 800,000 connections, improving the quality of life of 3.5 million Peruvians in Lima and Callao thanks to the distribution of natural gas. In 2018, it set a historic record by making 184,000 gas connections, which is equivalent to all the connections made in the first seven years.

The company went from having 1,600 kilometers of distribution networks to end 2018 with 9,691 kilometers in less than 10 years while the accumulated investments reach US \$ 960 million.

Astrid Álvarez, president of Grupo Energía Bogotá, highlighted the commitment that the business group made in 2011, when it acquired 60% of the shares that belonged to Ashmore Energy International at the time. "Peru is in our heart. Today we are the largest investors in electricity and natural gas in this country and we want to continue in our leading position," she said. Cálidda y Contugas currently have 76.5% of the natural gas distribution market in Peru.

For his part, Jorge Olazábal, president of Calidda, indicated that thanks to the natural gas massification policy in Peru, the emission of more than 50 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) has been avoided and savings have been generated, amounting to more than 34,000 million dollars.

In addition, 38% of electric power is produced with natural gas.

Today, natural gas is the main energy source of Peru with a share of over 38%, an important growth if we take into account that in 2004 it was 10%. This country has the second largest gas reserves in Latin America, which can supply for about 35 years

A great social and cultural commitment

Cálidda, in addition to distributing natural gas, brings welfare and progress through various services. One of them is the sale of gas appliances, especially to households that do not have access to bank credit, through the Non-banking Funding program.

In less than two years, this program has sold 70,000 gas appliances, allowing families to access hot water and prepare their food using natural gas, with savings of up to 70% on their bills.

Furthermore, it has connected more than 800 community kitchens, mostly attended by mothers who are heads of their families. These community kitchens provide food to children and young people with low incomes, positively impacting the quality of life of more than 70,000 people.

Cálidda also contributes actively in the preservation of Peru's cultural heritage. The company is the first private company that is part of the program "*Lima, the city of the Huacas*", of the Ministry of Culture, for its contribution in the protection of pre-Hispanic pieces. It has rescued, preserved and placed in custody more than 400 archaeological monuments.

About Grupo Energía Bogotá

With more than 120 years of history, Grupo Energía Bogotá (GEB) is a leading business group in transmission and distribution of electric power and in transportation and distribution of natural gas in Colombia, Peru, Brazil and Guatemala. In Colombia, with its Transmission Business, it undertakes electric power projects. With TGI, it is number 1 in natural gas transportation with more than 4,000 kilometers of gas pipelines. The GEB also has participation in Codensa, Emgesa, Vanti and Emsa. In Peru, it is number 1 in the distribution of natural gas with its companies Cálidda and Contugas. With ISA REP and ISA Transmantaro, where it has a 40% stake, it is a leader in electric power transmission. In Brazil, with Gebbras, it is associated with Furnas and has 1,100 kilometers of transmission lines. And in Guatemala, it is number 1 in electric power transmission with Trecca and Eebis.