

**S&P reaffirms credit rating to Grupo Energía Bogotá – GEB and to Transportadora de Gas Internacional – TGI at investment grade “BBB-”, stable outlook**

- GEB: the rating agency highlighted its geographical diversification, the leadership it maintains in the markets where it operates, and its steady and predictable cash flow.
- TGI: S&P remarked TGI’s natural monopoly nature, with a 55% share in the Colombian natural gas transportation market, as well as its solid and steady cash flow.
- These positive ratings show the stability and solidness of the Group and its subsidiaries.

**Bogotá D.C., 13 December 2019.** S&P Agency reaffirmed the BBB- issuer rating to Grupo Energía Bogotá, with a stable outlook. According to the rating agency, the Group’s risk profile is supported by a satisfactory business risk, considering that it operates in favorable and stable regulatory environments in Colombia, Brazil and Peru, with adequate return rates, whilst maintaining leading positions in the markets it serves.

S&P highlighted the acquisition of ElectroDunas (Peru) and the announcement of Argo’s upcoming acquisition (Brazil), which will temporarily increase indebtedness credit metrics, but will positively contribute to GEB’s EBITDA generation. Additionally, it indicated that the Group’s liquidity maintains at adequate levels.

GEB’s rating also reflects its ownership structure and its links to Bogotá Capital District (BBB-, stable), controlling shareholder. In this regard, S&P highlighted the improvement in the Group’s corporate government standards.

On the other hand, S&P reaffirmed TGI’s corporate rating at BBB-, with stable outlook, whilst also remarking the favorable regulatory environment in which it operates, as well as its leadership in the market, which both contribute to high predictability and stability of the cash flow generation. The rating agency highlights that, despite the change that is expected in the regulatory WACC for 2021 and which will negatively affect TGI’s cash flow generation, its financial and credit metrics will stay solid. Finally, under the subordination risk

assessment, S&P reaffirmed the TGI 2028-bond rating at BBB-, aligned to the corporate rating.

As indicated by Grupo Energía Bogotá's President, Astrid Álvarez, "this rating closes the cycle of rigorous annual assessments performed by the 3-main rating agencies, S&P, Moody's and Fitch, all of which have reaffirmed the Investment Grade for GEB and its main subsidiaries, what reasserts the stability and solidness of the Group and its subsidiaries, reaffirming the positive perspectives of the companies, providing more confidence to the market and showing the great commitment we have with our investors".

### **About GEB**

With over 120 years of history, Grupo Energía Bogotá (GEB) is a leading business group in electric power generation, transmission and distribution, as well as in natural gas transportation and distribution in Colombia, Peru, Brazil and Guatemala. In Colombia, it develops electric power projects through its Transmission Business, being the second main operator in the country. With TGI, it is number 1 in natural gas transportation with over 4,000 Km of pipelines. GEB also holds stakes in Codensa, Emgesa, Vanti and Emsa. In Peru, it is number 1 in natural gas distribution with its companies Cálidda and Contugas. With ISA REP and ISA Transmantaro, where it owns a 40% stake, it is the main operator in electric power transmission. It is also present in the power distribution sector in Peru through its subsidiary Electro Dunas. In Brazil, with Gebbras, it is partnered with Furnas and owns 1,100 Km in transmission lines. In Guatemala, it is number 1 in electric power transmission with Trecca and Eebis.

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