

GS Inima is awarded with the 1st auction of reuse water subconcession in Brazil.



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GS Inima has been awarded the first reuse water subconcession auction in Brazil, result of a strategic partnership between Companhia Espírito Santense de Saneamento (CESAN) in the state of Espírito Santo and Arcelor Mittal. The consortium GS Inima Brasil and Tubomills will be responsible for providing effluent treatment services in the Camburi/ES Basin and for supplying reuse water for Ancelor Mittal's industrial purposes, including the design, construction, operation and maintenance for 30 years.

The Reuse Water Production Station, known as EPAR (Estação Produtora de Água de Reúso), in portuguese, will require investments around 45 million euros, equivalent to 240 million Brazilian reais, and will have a minimum production capacity of 200 liters per second, which is equivalent to the consumption of a city with a population of 115,000 inhabitants.

The project is a national achievement that incorporates advanced technologies and sustainable practices, serving as an inspiring example of how companies can lead efforts to address water challenges not only in Espírito Santo, but Brazil as well. This milestone reinforces GS Inima's leadership in water reuse production in the country, in addition to the largest reused water production project in Latin America and one of the largest in the world, Aquapolo, also operated by GS Inima.

Paulo Roberto de Oliveira, CEO of GS Inima Brasil, emphasized: *"This is a very important moment for us at GS Inima. We have experience and know-how in water reuse, primarily through the Aquapolo plant, which is an outstanding example in Latin America, and we believe that*

Espírito Santo will also be a successful project because GS Inima conducted detailed technical studies to offer the best proposal.

In addition, **Marta Verde, CEO of the GS Inima Group**, who was also attending the public auction session held in São Paulo, reaffirmed the group's commitment. ***"We are committed to the development of Brazil and the preservation of natural resources, relying on the technology, knowledge, and experience of the GS Inima group."***

This award not only highlights GS Inima's commitment to innovation and sustainable water management but also opens new possibilities for water reuse in Brazil, promoting a more sustainable approach on a national scale. Brazil, with its vast territorial expanse and climatic diversity, faces significant challenges related to water resource management.

"Water is a critical input and of utmost concern for the steel industry. Therefore, alternative non-conventional water sources, such as desalination and reuse, are important. As a global leader in these solutions, we bring considerable expertise to this project, helping our clients minimize consumption and improve their performance," added **Diego de Vera, Chief Business Development of the GS Inima Group**.

The project conducted by GS Inima is a replicable and sustainable model, demonstrating that water reuse from wastewater treatment is not only viable but also crucial to meet the growing demand for water in various regions of the country.

About the GS Inima Group

GS Inima, Group belonging to the Korean multinational GS E&C (<http://www.gsenc.com/en/>), specializes in Environmental activities associated with the integrated water cycle and renewable energy. The GS Inima Group is active in all phases of the projects in which it participates: Design, Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Financing, Operation and Maintenance, and is active in both the public and private markets. With a presence in more than 10 countries and in four of the five continents, its project portfolio exceeded 8.141 million euros in 2022, with a turnover of 299 million euros and an EBITDA of more than 85 million euros. For more information: www.inima.com

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