

A PERMANENT CHALLENGE: THE EFFICIENT USE OF WATER

MESSAGE FROM MARCO KUTULAS,
GENERAL MANAGER OF AGUAS DE ANTOFAGASTA S.A.



In Antofagasta plc's first Sustainability Report, we are pleased to present the environmental and social performance of Aguas de Antofagasta S.A. (ADASA) and the highlights of 2007.

ADASA plays a key role in the life and development of the second biggest region in Chile. We are therefore committed to acting in the best interests of our customers by providing an excellent service and valuing the resource that is so scarce and fundamental to life in the desert - water.

Our commitment is to provide high-quality drinking water to over 500,000 people across the region, adhering to national and international standards such as those set out by the World Health Organisation.

One of our permanent challenges is the efficient use of water through, for example, promoting the use of alternative sources such as desalination of seawater. This enables us to protect the scarce water resources in the region, thereby guaranteeing a continuous

supply whilst sustaining economic development and the quality of life of its inhabitants.

Additionally, we have initiated a dialogue with our stakeholders in order to promote values such as safeguarding people and the environment, and instilling a sense of regional identity and pride. Together with the authorities responsible for education, health and the environment, we face the challenge of overcoming the difficulties resulting from living in the world's most arid desert and the relationship this has with water scarcity in the north of Chile.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marco Kútułas'.

Marco Kútułas
GENERAL MANAGER