

AGUAS DE ANTOFAGASTA:

LIFE IN THE DESERT

Aguas de Antofagasta S.A. (ADASA) is the water division of Antofagasta plc. The company, formed in November 2003, has operated in the Antofagasta Region since December 2003, when it was awarded the licence to operate water distribution and treatment services which was previously held by Empresa de Servicios Sanitarios de Antofagasta S.A. (ESSAN S.A.). The licence is valid for a period of 30 years.

ADASA is a “sociedad anonima cerrada” (a closed limited company under Chilean legislation), operating as a publicly traded company and registered on a voluntary basis with the Chilean securities regulator, the Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros. ADASA is a 100% indirectly held subsidiary of Antofagasta plc.

ADASA, under the concession from ESSAN S.A., has the right to use the property, plant and

equipment, water rights and easements for the operation of the concession for water distribution and treatment.

■ Cities supplied by Antofagasta



Products, services and coverage

The products and services supplied by the company are:

- Supply of potable water and sale of untreated water.
- Distribution of potable water.
- Collection, treatment and disposal of sewage.

These services are provided in the driest desert in the world, which calls for continuous efforts to be made in technological innovation and efficient use of resources.

ADASA's services of production and distribution of drinkable water cover the cities of Antofagasta, Calama, Tocopilla, Mejillones and Taltal. Through a pipeline extension of approximately 1,104 kilometres, the company transported more than 39.9 million cubic metres of water to more

than 133,000 customers throughout the region in 2007.

The collection, treatment and disposal of sewage covers the same cities, with the exception of Antofagasta and Calama, where the treatment and disposal services were not included in the licence transfer for concessions held by ESSAN S.A.

Management systems

ADASA began laying the foundations for implementing an environmental management system based on the ISO 14001 standard from December 2007. The implementation will begin with sewage treatment plants and will then be extended to the company's other processes.

The company adopts a customer-oriented management style, which, by cultivating the skills in its workforce, seeks to generate

business processes with a focus on value creation and customer service.