SPECIAL REPORT

COLOMBIAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE SECTOR

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INTRODUCTION

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Introduction

This study presents an overview of the Water Supply and Sewage sector in Colombia. To undertake this study, Anif analyzed various sources of official information, such as the Superintendencia de Servicios Públicos Domiciliarios ("Superintendent of Public Utilities"; hereafter SSPD), Comisión de Regulación de Agua Potable y Saneamiento Básico ("Regulatory Commission of Potable Water and Basic Health"; CRA), Departamento Nacional de Planeación ("National Planning Department"; DNP) and Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística ("National Administrative Department of Statistics"; DANE).

This document provides all the main, up-to-date variables available, in order to provide the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) with an assessment facilitating the understanding of the sector in the shortest amount of time possible.

Recognizing the stated needs of the JBIC, this document contains two main sections: 1) current situation and 2) prospects and outlook. The first section outlines the position of the Water Supply and Sewage sector within the overall Colombian economy, details the recent evolution of investment in the sector, provides coverage indicators, discusses installed capacity, analyzes sector growth, and describes the principal players in the market. The second section introduces the major elements that must be considered when analyzing the prospects for nationwide demand, and further, outlines the principal components of this demand. Additionally, this section covers, in a general manner, the most relevant aspects of government policy, recent policy changes and future goals, as well as specific regulatory information. Finally, and in relation to the topic of government policy, the study concludes with a description of the participation of private companies in the sector.