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Aquapor begins management contract for water and wastewater systems in Funchal

Aquapor, the Portuguese entity of the Saur group, began this month the contract for the management of pumping equipment and wastewater treatment and final disposal systems in Funchal.

The project includes the management of 26 pumping stations and four Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs), including primary treatment at Vale do Lazareto, in a municipality that already has around 99% coverage in basic sanitation.

The contract provides for the full operation and maintenance of the infrastructures, covering all stages of the treatment process, as well as the upkeep of green spaces and other associated facilities. This integrated management model aims to ensure high standards of operational efficiency, contribute to environmental protection, and enhance the quality of life of the local population.

Débora Santos, O&M Manager for contracts and services, said: *"With the start of this contract, which has a three-year duration, Aquapor reaffirms its commitment to excellence in water resource management, through a clear focus on operational efficiency, environmental responsibility, and the creation of value for the municipality of Funchal and its residents."*

To ensure an even more effective response and maintain high performance levels, the local technical team will be reinforced, ensuring continuous, specialised support focused on the ongoing improvement of the service.

The Funchal WWTP treats around 30,000 m³ of wastewater per day, producing approximately 1.5 tonnes of screenings per day, with a daily production of around 32 tonnes of sludge expected. These indicators highlight the scale and strategic importance of this infrastructure for the region, as well as the direct impact of its operation on environmental sustainability.

About Aquapor:

In business since 1987, Aquapor is one of the main players in the management of municipal concessions and the provision of water supply, wastewater sanitation, urban solid waste collection and treatment and urban cleaning services. In Portugal, Aquapor is responsible for 11 water and sanitation service concessions, where the service is provided directly to the population.

In providing services to municipalities and industries, Aquapor carries out activities ranging from consultancy and specialized engineering services to the management, operation and maintenance of urban water systems and treatment facilities.

Its acquisition by the French Saur group, which is considered to be the third largest group operating in the water sector in France, has strengthened the Group's competencies in the various segments in which it operates on a national and international scale.

More information: www.aquaporservicos.pt