

CLEAN WATER SOLUTION CRB10 - REPORT Ngäbe-Buglé - Soloy - Panama

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### SITUATION

Ngäbe-Buglé Comarca peoples of Soloy, Chiriqui, Panama were in desperate need of clean drinking water. The river systems that sustain most of approximately 10,000 villagers, are highly contaminated and the requirement for drinking water was immediate.

### SOLUTION

Agua Saludable Group Inc deployed the CRB10 system. The system was set up and providing fresh, clean drinking water all within 3 days. The system was tested by both IDAAN and SALUD and results were 100% positive. The unit provides 17,000 gallons of clean water per day.

The CRB10 Redbird System arrived in the Port of Manzanillo, Colon Panama in December 2015. From there it was transported to the site on the River Jebay, Soloy, Chiriqui. On that same day; assembly began. Three days later testing was completed and it was fully operational, providing 17,000 gallons of fresh, clean water. SALUD and IDAAN both completed testing of the finished water and the results were both very positive as reflected on pages 11-4 & 17-18 of this report.



## SYSTEM ARRIVAL AND PLACEMENT



CRB10 LEAVING OHIO, USA



ARRIVING AT PORT IN PANAMA



PLACING ON SITE IN SOLOY





SITE PREPARATION

## SYSTEM SETUP AND TESTING



DAY ONE



DAY TWO



DAY THREE



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SYSTEM TESTS

## SYSTEM HEALTH TESTING



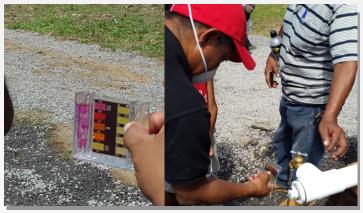
SOURCE AND FINISHED WATER TESTING



COMPLETE PARAMETER TESTS



COLIFORM TESTING



CHLORINE LEVEL TESTING



## SYSTEM OPEN AND RUNNING



BEFORE AND AFTER



HANDING OUT INDIVIDUAL WATER JUGS

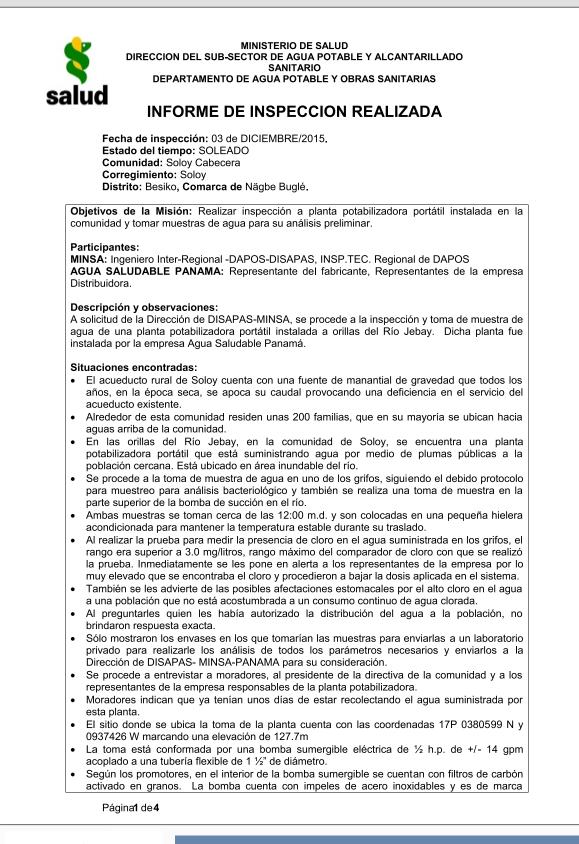


FRESH, CLEAN DRINKING WATER





SUCCESSFUL DEPLOYMENT





#### GRUNDFOS y el motor FRANKLIN ELECTRIC A/C 120V monofásico..

- Este equipo se observó colocado al fondo del lecho del río a no más de 0.60m de profundidad v en posición horizontal.
- La planta portátil cuenta con paneles de celdas fotovoltaicas que generan la energía eléctrica para el funcionamiento de la bomba sumergible y de las partes electromecánicas de dicha planta. Estos paneles son de 280 WATTS cada uno en serie, para lograr un voltaje máximo de 128V.
- De las celdas, la corriente pasa a un banco de baterías, de ahí a un transformador de corriente directa a corriente alterna para la bomba y el resto de equipos.
- La bomba en el río conduce el agua a un sistema de cuatro filtros a seguir:
- Filtro -1: Material filtrante es arena y piedra. No indicaron su granulometría especial.
- Filtro -2: Material filtrante es arena y arcilla arenosa. No indicaron su granulometría especial.
- Filtro -3: Material filtrante es arcilla arenosa, carbón activado y sales de silicio. No indicaron su granulometría especial.
- Filtro -4: Material filtrante es arcilla arenosa, carbón activado y sales de silicio. No indicaron su granulometría especial.
- Existe un quinto filtro que está diseñado para utilizarse cuando los cuatro primeros filtros no logran bajar los sólidos en suspensión debido a una alta turbiedad de la fuente de agua. En este se utiliza fibra de un micrón.
- Luego de que el agua pasa por los filtros, se le aplica cloro.
- El cloro utilizado en esta planta, es extraído de rocas de sal por medio de un proceso de electrólisis.
- Luego de aplicar el cloro, inicia el proceso de mixtura dentro de un recipiente cuadrado donde transcurre el tiempo de contacto para la eliminación de agentes por el cloro.
- El efluente es enviado a un abomba con capacidad de elevación de 30mts. De esta bomba, el agua pude bifurcarse a los filtros para la limpieza por retro lavado o continuar hacia su almacenamiento en un tanque de plástico de 2500 litros y luego se suministra por gravedad a la comunidad por medio de una línea de conducción a los grifos o plumas públicas, como en este caso.
- En cada retro lavado se puede bajar la presión a un 30% para asegurar que el medio filtrante no salga del filtro con la suciedad. El retro lavado se produce por el efecto de la presión de entrada y su relación con la salida.
- Hasta culminar la visita e inspección, pasada las 1:30 p.m. los promotores no habían realizado la toma de muestras para su envío a su laboratorio privado.

#### Otras observaciones aportadas por el promotor:

- El banco de baterías del sistema de energía solar tiene una vida útil de 5 años y su reemplazo es suministrado en Panamá por Agua Saludable. Panamá.
- El saco de roca de sal está en venta en Novey.
- La planta potabilizadora está diseñada para producir 14 000 galones de agua al día.
- La vida útil de la planta en general es de 30 años. Los filtros y las baterías 5 años.
- Los envases plásticos de 1.3 galones (5 litros) lo están suministrando gratuitamente a la comunidad para que lleven agua a sus viviendas.

#### **Resultados:**

- Debido a la lejanía de la comunidad y lo extenso de la entrevista y la inspección de la planta, no se logró trasladar muestras a un laboratorio de Calidad de Agua para su análisis bacteriológico completo, por lo que se optó sólo por analizar la presencia o no de coliformes en las muestras.
- Para el día 4 de diciembre, se obtienen los resultados de parte de los análisis realizados pro Calidad de Agua de la Región de Salud de Nägbe Buglé indicando que el agua de los grifos no tenía presencia de coliformes y el agua del río si tenía presencia de coliformes.
- El análisis se realizó por medio del uso de tiras de colilert.
- Se informa de parte del Inspector de Saneamiento del área, que al retirarnos de la inspección de la planta de tratamiento, la empresa promotora suspendió la distribución del agua a la comunidad.
- En la fecha del 28 de diciembre, se procedió a una comunicación con Calidad de Agua de la Región de Salud de Nägbe Buglé quienes informan que desde el 03 de diciembre dicha planta no ha vuelto a suministrar agua a los moradores de Soloy.

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Panama, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

#### TESTING REPORT No. 408 ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY FINAL REPORT FOR WATER ANALISYS

Company Name: Agua Saludable Group. Project Manager: KEVIN HAUGHTON Address: Costa del Este, PH Titanium Phone: 6618-3877 Date of receipt of the Sample: December 04<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Date of sample Analysis: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. No. of Work: PAN-LAB2-408-2015.

#### A. Description of Analysis

Determination was carried out chemical, metals and physical parameters of two (2) water samples identified by client as: Raw Water (Río Jebay Crbio) and Finished Water (Río Jebay Crbio), and identified by the laboratory: **LAB2-408-M1** and **LAB2-408-M2** respectively.

#### B. Methods of Analysis

The chemical and physical analysis carried out was according to the Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater and the EPA Method 8015-B.

#### C. Sampling

The sampling was conducted following by the interested.

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#### Tabla 1. Listado de Parámetros Analizados, Equipo de Medición y Límites de Detección.

	EQUIPO UTILIZADO	METODOLOGÍA UTILIZADA	LIMITE DE DETECCIÓN
1.рН	Equipo Multiparámetro	SM-4500-H <sup>+</sup> -B	< 0,010
2. Chloride	Cromatógrafo Iónico	SM-4110-B	<0,0001
3. Fluoride (mgF <sup>-/</sup> /L)	Espectrofotómetro	SM-4500-F-E	<0,10
4. Nitrate ( mg NO <sub>3</sub> /L)	Espectrofotómetro	SM-4500-NO3-D	<0,010
5. Nitrite ( mg NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-/</sup> L)	Cromatógrafo Iónico	SM-4110-B	<0,0001
6. Sólidos Disueltos Totales (mg/L)	Equipo Multiparametros	SM-2540-C	<0,010
7. Sulfate (mg SO₄ <sup>2-/</sup> L)	Cromatógrafo Iónico	SM-4110-B	<0,0001
8. Total Hardness (mg CaCO <sub>3</sub> /L)	Bureta	SM-2340-C	<2,0
9. Turbity (NTU)	Turbidímetro	SM-2130-B	<0,010
10. Arsenic (mg As/L)	ICP	Digestion-SM-3030-B/ Analysis-SM-3120-B	<0,001
11. Chromiun (mg Cr/L)	ICP	Digestion-SM-3030-B/ Analysis-SM-3120-B	<0,001
12. Iron (mg Fe/L)	ICP	Digestion-SM-3030-B/ Analysis-SM-3120-B	<0,001
13. Lead (mg Pb/L)	ICP	Digestion-SM-3030-B/ <0,0 Analysis-SM-3120-B	
14. Manganese (mg Mn/L)	ICP	Digestion-SM-3030-B/ <0,00 Analysis-SM-3120-B	
15. Mercury (mg Hg/L)	ICP	Digestion-SM-3030-B/ Analysis-SM-3120-B	<0,001

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#### D. Obtained results.

Table 1. Results obtained for a Water sample.

Parameter	Unity	Water Sample Raw Water LAB2-408-M1	Water Sample Finished Water LAB2-408-M2	
*pH	pH unity	7,86	8,29	
*Chloride	mg Cl⁻/L	0,3702	1,2228	
*Fluoride	mg F⁻/L	<0,10	<0,10	
*Nitrate	mg NO <sub>3</sub> - <sup>/</sup> L	<0,010	<0,010	
*Nitrite	mg NO <sub>2</sub> /L	<0,010	<0,010	
*Sulfate	mg SO <sub>4</sub> ²⁻/L	4,0541	4,0723	
*Total Hardness	mg CaCO₃/L	35,52	43,01	
*Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	63,27	103,13	
*Turbidity	NTU	1,17	0,61	
*Arsenic	mg As/L	<0.001	<0.001	
*Chromium	mg Cr/L	<0.001	<0.001	
*Iron	mg Fe/L	0.052	0.023	
*Lead	mg Pb/L	<0.001	<0.001	
*Manganese	mg Mn/L	<0.001	<0.001	
*Mercury	mg Hg/L	<0.001	<0.001	

The parameters with (\*) are the ones that the laboratory have acredited.

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#### E. Quality Assurance

All tests are evaluated by using Certified Reference Materials (CRM's), with effective dates and traceable to the National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST). As a control measure in decision-making, INSPECTORATE PANAMA, Environmental Division used in each batch of analyzes a sample of known concentration to determine recovery rates, which are evidence of acceptable performance of our operations. If pattern recovery is between 90 and 110%, accept the batch analysis otherwise is rejected and analyzed again.

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## KEVIN JONES SUMMARY OF BOTH REPORTS



#### Memorandum

To: Agua Saludable

From: Kevin Jones

 Date:
 January 20, 2016

 Project No.:
 AS-14-01

Subject: Summary of testing results and next steps

As part of the start-up and acceptance of the Community Red Bird System – 10 (CRB-10) in Soloy, water samples were collected by Agua Saludable for general drinking water quality parameters and by Salud for microbiology. The results of these samples demonstrate that the system successfully treated the water from the Rio Jebay Crbio and produced clean safe drinking water in accordance with Panama Standards, and Guidance. This memo provides a brief review of specific questions from the analysis.

#### Water Analysis

The Inspectorate Panama water analysis shows that the system performed as expected in reducing iron, and turbidity. A number of parameters were non-detect in the source water indicating limited human impact on the river. We did see an increase in pH, chloride, and total dissolved solids. The slight increase in these numbers is related to the start up of the system and will in general return to approximately the same levels as found in the source. Specifically:

- ñ pH is neutral to slightly alkaline in the source water and increased to 8.29 (more basic or alkaline) after treatment. This is unusual in start up and is likely related to the adjustments that were being made in the chlorination cycle. Shock chlorination, or rapidly increasing the chlorine levels can cause an increase in alkalinity. At the site, during the early stages of start-up the free chlorine levels were greater than 9 parts per million (ppm). As the T3, chlorine contact tank has a long flow retention time by design, it would take time for the pH to equilibrate.
- ñ Elevated chloride during start up has two causes. During transport the extra salt is stored in bags in the T3 tank. Although we clean the tank prior to start up, a small residual could cause an increase in chloride levels until the system equilibrates. In addition, the chlorination levels we were using at start up could also increase the chloride levels. As the system runs and the electrolysis process is utilized for the on going operations the chloride level will be reduced to a concentration closer to the source water.
- ñ Total dissolved solids (TDS) were increased during start up by the elevated chlorination and to the dissolution of mineral from the filters that will occur during start up due to the characteristics of the zeolites. During the on-going operation of the system TDS should be either the same as the source water or may be slightly less than the source. Overall, by design we want to keep TDS the same as this is a taste factor (minerals give water its taste).

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## KEVIN JONES SUMMARY OF BOTH REPORTS

The reduction in turbidity, particularly at these low levels, is a very positive result as it reflects the effectiveness of the filtration process. With lower turbidity we can decrease the chances of generating chlorination by-products and the appeal of the water to the consumer is higher. Iron (Fe) reduction is the result of the material used in the filtration process and may also be due to reduced turbidity.

The samples collected by Salud demonstrate that the system successfully disinfected the water based on the zero E.coli values.

Panama



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## IDAAN TEST RESULTS



#### SECCION CALIDAD Y PRODUCCION DE AGUA POTABLE

Código LAB-045-18

Lugar de Muestreo: Sistema de Tratamiento de Agua, Soloy Fecha: 5-2-16 Hora de Muestreo: 11:15 am

Analistas: Lic. Zelideth Concepción Lic. Gabriela Requena Bióloga Química

#### **DESCRIPCIÓN DE LA MUESTRA**

Muestra 1: AC Río Gebay Muestra 2: AT, Grifo del Sistema de Tratamiento Muestra 3: Tanque de Almacenamiento

#### ANALISIS FISICOQUÍMICO

Parámetro	VMP	M-01	M-02	M-03
pH (Unidades de pH)	6.5-8.5	7.8	8.1	8.1
Temperatura ( <sup>0</sup> C)	N.R.	25.0	25.0	25.0
Color (Unidades de color)	15.00	1.0	1.0	1.0
Sólidos Disueltos Totales (mg/L)	500.00	99.5	102.8	102.4
Conductividad (Pmhos/cm.)	N.R.	149.9	152.7	153.1



## IDAAN TEST RESULTS

Turbiedad (NTU)	1.0	0.64	0.68	0.81
Alcalinidad (carbonato calcio mg/L)	120.00	113.0	130.0	131
Dureza (carbonato calcio mg/L)	100.00	90	80	78
Cloruro (mg/L)	250.00	10,63	17.72	17.72
Cloro (mg/L)	0.8-1.5	0	1.2	1.5
Nitrito (mg/L)	1.0	0.04	0.012	0.017
Nitrato (mg/L)	10.0	0.03	0.03	0
Cobre (mg/L)	1.0	0.24	0.07	0.06
Hierro (mg/L)	0.30	0	0	0

#### **ANÁLISIS BACTERIOLÓGICO**

Parámetro	VMP	M-01	M-02	M-03	M-04
Coliformes Totales (NMP/100 ml)	0	80.8	51.6	<1.0	<1.0
<i>Escherichia coli</i> (NMP/100 ml)	0	2190	561.8	<1.0	<1.0

NMP Número más probable

Método de Análisis Bacteriológico: Quanti-Tray (DST<sup>®</sup>, Tecnología de sustratos definidos

VMP: Valor Máximo Permitido según el Reglamento Técnico DGNTI-COPANIT 23-395-99.

\*Depende del origen del agua

Muestras

M-01 : AC Río Gebay, dilución 25/100mL

M-02 : Ac Río Gebay, dilución 50/100mL

M-03: AT, grifo del sistema de Tratamiento

M-04: Tanque de almacenamiento



# CRB10 SUCCESSFUL DEPLOYMENT



BEFORE AND AFTER



CLEAN WATER



GREAT TASTING WATER



### CONCLUSION

In summary, the CRB10 system has met and exceeded expectations and has successfully past the testing phase. As of February 03, 2016 the people of Soloy, Chiriqui, Panama are ready to receive approximately 17,000 gallons of fresh, clean drinking water daily.

Kevin Haughton

Chief Operating Officer Agua Saludable Group Panama

