

Project Management Report from Belo Horizonte



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TOUGH DAYS, BUT SOME PROJECTS

Brazil is living some bad situations, economical recession, political crisis, and lack of confidence and hope.

In Minas Gerais state the things are not different. The most important state industries are Steelmaking, Mining and Car Production. All of these industries are fighting against low demand and over supply.

A major accident (or neglect) killed at least 26 people and caused huge devastation on Doce River when a SAMARCO (a joint venture between VALE and BHP) ore dam burst and turned things worst. The answers that federal and state authorities gave to this situation are delayed and clearly insufficient. At least 3 million people are with severe problems to get clean and potable water supply and tons of fish and other animals are dead. The accident was near the historic city of Mariana, the first Minas Gerais capital city.

2016 will be a hard year. The economy will slow down a little bit more and the political crisis seems to be never ending.

In spite of this, some projects are being performed such as the expansion and improvements on the airports conceded to private companies and those from smart companies (and full of cash) that know that crises and recessions are not forever.

Case in point, Presidente Tancredo Neves International Airport, in Confins, near Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais' capital city, finally obtained the environmental licenses in order to start the works for expansion, now in progress.

Minas Gerais State Government resumed the work on a lot of hospitals all over the state, overcoming the alleged lack of money.

MINAS GERAIS PMI CHAPTER NEW BYLAW

Minas Gerais PMI Chapter has convened a meeting in order to discuss and approve new bylaws which updates the one now on duty.

This will happen on December 4th and on the occasion, the traditional end of the year gathering-together of members will occur, when the Board shall report 2015 activities and achievements, and the plans and schedule for 2016 are revealed.

Next year the Minas Gerais PMI Chapter Project Management Congress will happen together with the Brazilian Project Management Congress. This is scheduled to happen from June 13th to 15th. That will be an important and huge Congress.

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