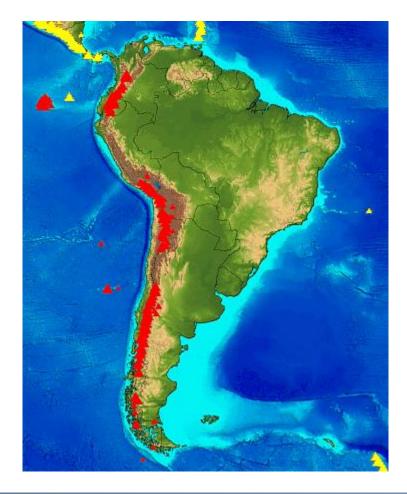


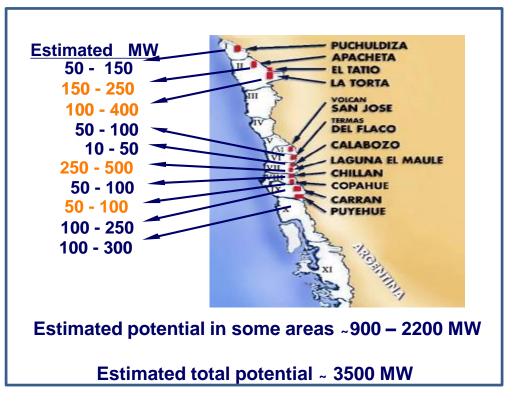
# Cerro Pabellón geothermal plant: a success story

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#### **Geothermal resources in Chile**



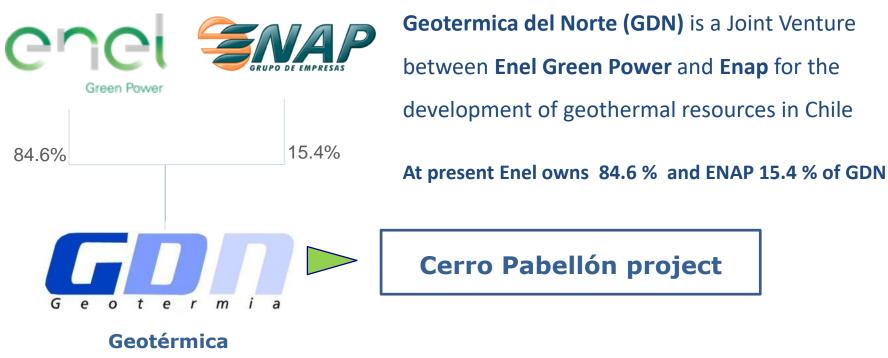


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#### **GDN company context**

#### Joint Venture EGP-Enap



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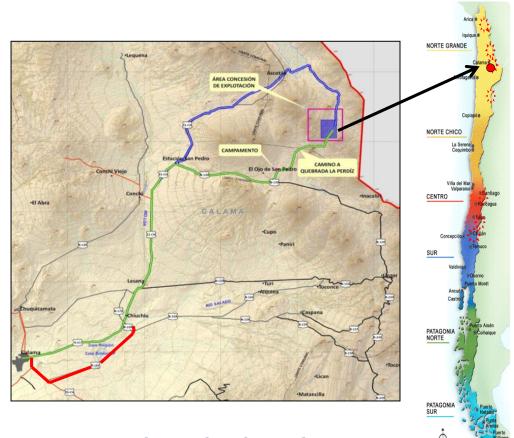
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**Cerro Pabellón project** 



## **Location of Cerro Pabellón project**

The project is located in the Desert of Atacama, at about 100 km NE of Calama and at an elevation of 4500 m



#### Location and main roads



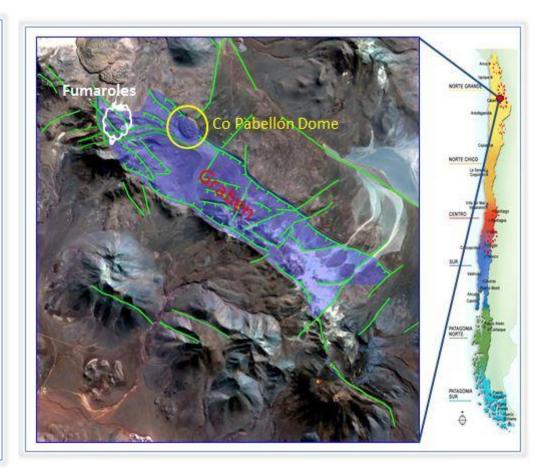
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Apacheta Volcano

# **Cerro Pabellón: geo-scientific framework** Attractive features of the Pampa Apacheta Area

The **Pampa Apacheta Area** attracted the GDN interest for a series of peculiar geoscientific features:

- ✓ A large and very well defined "Extensional Graben Structure".
- ✓ The recent acid volcanism testified by the characteristic 50k years old "Cerro Pabellón Lava Dome".
- ✓ The presence of 2 over-heated fumaroles on the top of the local volcanic ridge.
- ✓ The high temperatures values at shallow depths, found by CODELCO during fresh water exploration in this sector.





# **Cerro Pabellón: area of the project**

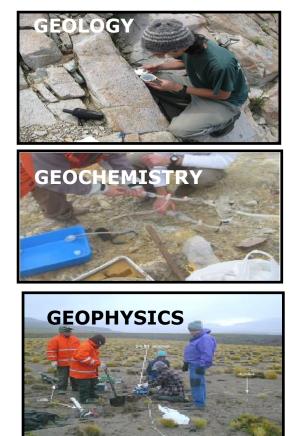




#### **Surface exploration activities**

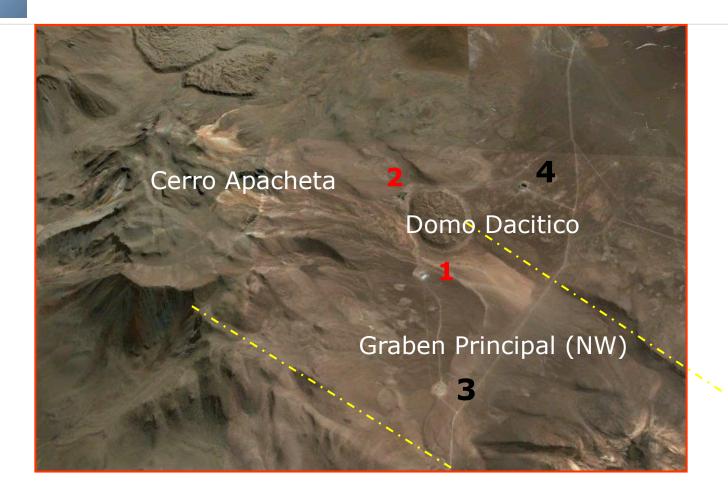
The **surface exploration** of the Cerro Pabellón area was carried out between 2006 and 2007 and consisted in:

- Geological studies by remote sensors and 3 distinct stratigraphy, volcanic and structural field surveys.
- Geophysical studies of Magnetotelluric (110 sites), Gravity (200 sites) and Magnetic Field (200 km<sup>2</sup> covered by airplane).
- Geochemical sampling, analysis and interpretation of local thermal manifestations and bibliographic recompilation.
- Nº 1 slim hole was drilled in 2007, confirming the presence of a very interesting thermal anomaly with temperature of around 215°C at only 512 meters.



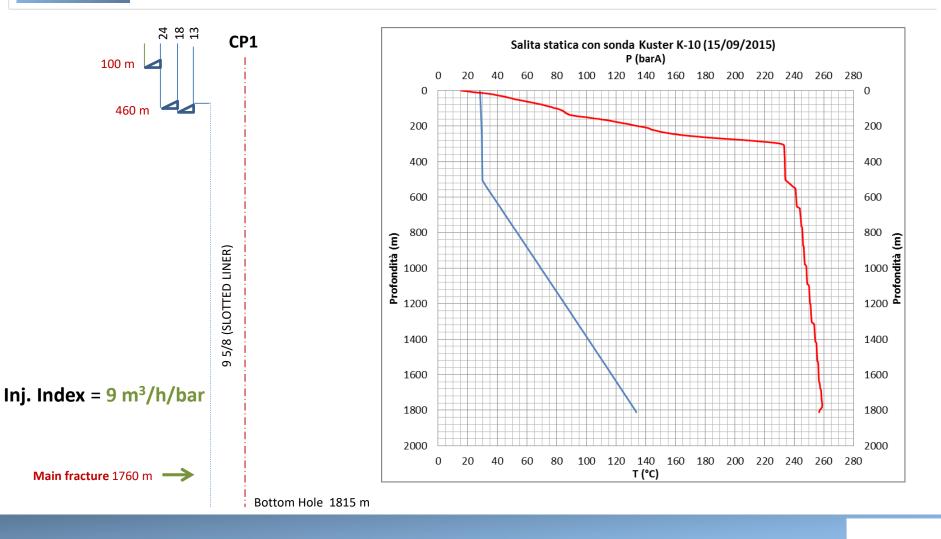


#### **Location of the 4 deep exploratory wells**





#### Well CP-1: technical profile & static T-P Log





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#### Well CP-1: production test





Reservoir Temperature ~ 260° C Flow-rate ~ 300 t/h @ 8 bar WHP

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## Cerro Pabellón development program

- Accordingly to the positive results of the exploratory wells a resource assessment was carried out and a development program was implemented, including:
  - The drilling of additional wells for production and reinjection purposes
  - The construction of:
    - ✓ 48 MW power plant
    - ✓ Gathering system
    - ✓ 80 km transmission line 220 kV
    - ✓ Camp for 700 people located at 3850 m elevation, at a distance of 25 km from the project area
- Considering the characteristics of the project area a high enthalpy binary plant (HE-ORC) with 2 x 24 MW units was selected

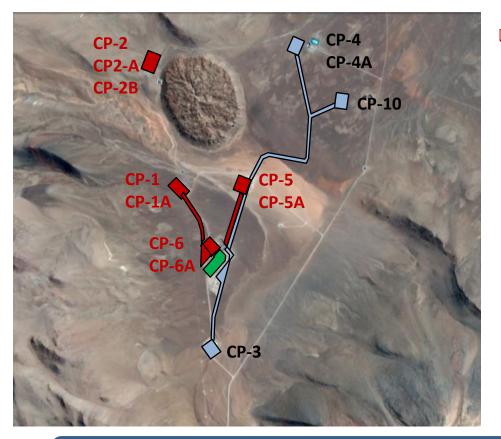


The first 24 MW unit was put in operation on March 31,2017 and the second unit on June 12, 2017



## **Cerro Pabellón**

#### **Project Lay-out and Drilling activity**



#### **6 Production Wells**

- **CP-1** (exploration)
- □ CP-5, CP-5A, CP-1A, CP-6, CP-6A

#### 48 MW Geothermal Power Plant

□ 24+24 MW gross *High Entalpy Binary* 

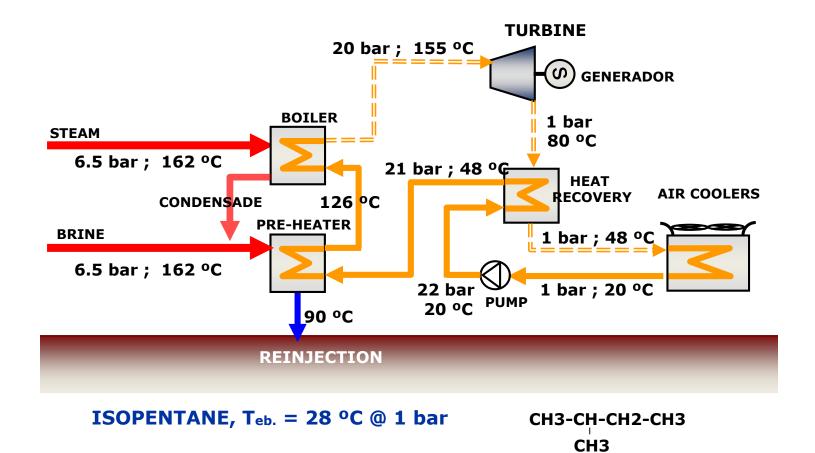
#### **4 Injection Wells**

- **CP-3, CP-4** (exploration phase)
- □ CP-4A, CP-10
- **2** Bake-up Production Wells
  - □ CP-2A, CP-2B

Out of the 13 drilled wells only CP-2 is considered not usable for the plant operation

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# Flow diagram of the Binary Unit





#### **HV** Transmission line lay-out



#### Rated capacity 100 MVA – 220 kV single circuit 218 Towers - Total length: 80 km

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# **Cerro Pabellón Third Unit**

Already approved the construction of an additional **33 MW** unit that will benefit for CapEX reduction thanks to all infrastructures already built up and to the availability of geothermal fluid.

- The expansion of the geothermal project does not require any drilling activity.
- The new unit will lean on the existing gathering system with the additional pipeline for connecting the CP2 well pad (+2 wells).
- 100% integration with existing mechanical, electrical, monitoring and control systems





#### **CSV – Creating Share Value**

In the area of the project there are **6 Indigenous Communities:** Ollague, Estacion San Pedro, Cupo, Toconce, Taira y Conchi Viejo

- Socialization process together with Ministry of Energy Division Participation y Dialogue
  - Project description
  - Programs aimed at education, energy, tourism and economic developments
- Constitution of 6 new small companies, managed by women of the Ollague community that provided several services to the project: cleaning, laundry, transport of personnel, food supply, others.
- > Tourism development program of the Alto el Loa territory
- > Electrification program



## **Innovation and Sustainability in the Camp** "INNOVABILITY"

#### Pilot plant for a sustainable electricity generation

A pilot plant 100% free of CO2 emissions, commercial size, composed of a 125 kV PV plant and of a storage system based on Hydrogen and Lithium batteries was installed in the camp. The energy produced 24/7 basis covered the energy needs of waste-water purification plant and of other equipment (utilities).

#### **Camp Carbon Foot print: CO2 neutralization**

To reduce the Camp's ecological footprint, in addition to our engagement in reducing water consumption with a treatment plant and in recycling the waste, we achieved the complete neutralization of the CO2 footprint. For this initiative we received an award from the Ministry of Environment:

**"Sello de Excelencia en la gestión de gases de efecto invernadero"** Cerro Pabellon was the First Project in Chile to receive this award



#### **Cerro Pabellón Geothermal Project**

#### **Camp Carbon Footprint: CO2 neutralization**





#### **Cerro Pabellón**

Cerro Pabellón is not a simple geothermal plant, but it was and still is an example of sustainability and technological innovation in all various aspects



## **Cerro Pabellón**



