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Eurofinsa Provides Humanitarian Aid and Tends to Emergencies Related with the Heavy Rains in Bolivia

- Staff from the Spanish company distributed food to the people stranded by the landslides along the Entre Ríos/Palos Blancos section of highway that is under construction, located to the south of the Andean country.

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Due to the emergencies caused by the heavy rainfall that has hit Bolivia in recent weeks, **Eurofinsa** –a company which is building the Entre Ríos/Palos Blancos (Tarija) Highway– is providing humanitarian aid to the people stranded by landslides and has also mobilized equipment, machinery and specialized personnel along the more than 60 kilometers of the route that provides access to the Chaco region.

“We have had an adverse weather advisory and the rain has caused different types of meteorological phenomena (...). Our work has consisted of –and still consists of– firstly ensuring the safety of highway users and cleaning the sections of road affected by the landslides, as well as any areas affected by falling fine materials and runoff from mountains. Our aim is to keep these weather events from affecting vehicle passage,” reported Gonzalo Montaña, the Spanish group's environmental specialist working in the South American country.

One of the most “delicate” events handled by the Spanish company was a rolling rock that struck a van that was occupied by four people. The passengers were transferred to the nearest hospital, located in Yacuiba (a city that borders Argentina), after an initial medical assessment.

Likewise, at the end of January, technicians from Eurofinsa distributed 600 servings of hot food to the people stranded by the landslides due to the wetting of the larger mountains in the area, known as the “Lomas Blancas,” and located along the Entre Ríos/Palos Blancos stretch of road.

“We carried out an entire humanitarian assistance operation. There were children, women, and elderly adults in the 12 fleets of public transport, 19 trucks, and several private cars that were passing through the area despite the



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recommendations of the state agencies to avoid travel during this time (the rainy season) and to take precautions on mountain roads," said Montaña.

In Bolivia, more than seven regions have suffered the consequences of the rains, flash floods, and inclement weather conditions. Therefore, the government of Evo Morales approved the declaration of a state of emergency a few days ago and has activated an Emergency Operations Committee (made up of four ministries: Rural Development, Health, Education, and Defense).

Faced with this scenario, the corporation, a leader in the undertaking of public works, has created immediate reaction groups that are equipped with communications equipment and safety elements to prevent risks and react in the event of accidents on the roadway.

Additionally, on days without rainfall, construction crews perform prevention work such as the cleaning of berms, sewers, creeks, and roadways, amongst others - especially at the four critical points of the roadway, located at San Simón, Zapallar, Berety and Lomas Blancas in the O'Connor Province.

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More than 40 years' global experience in the construction world prove the soundness and technical knowledge of Eurofinsa. This allows the Group to offer the highest standards of quality in each of its projects and to contribute to development and progress while respecting the environment within a context of constant innovation.

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