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## **Bajagua Announces Issuance of Concession to Use Federal Property by Government of Mexico**

San Diego, CA — Bajagua, LLC announced Wednesday that it has received a critical concession from the Government of Mexico to use federal land in the construction of the Bajagua sewage treatment facility (also known in Mexico as Planta 311), its proposed 59 million gallon a day (mgd) sewage treatment plant. The concession, issued by Mexico’s National Water Commission, CONAGUA, is for land located along the Alamar River near the El Vergel region in the City of Tijuana.

“This is a major step forward for Bajagua and for clean water,” said Jim Simmons, Managing Partner of Bajagua, LLC. “There were those who have doubted Mexico’s support for Bajagua and our ability to get permission to use federal land for this important bi-national purpose. Those doubts should now be put to rest,” he added.

The concession was formally submitted by Commissioner Arturo Herrera of the Mexican Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, known as CILA, to Commissioner Carlos Marin of the U.S. Section, known as the IBWC, on August 8, 2007.

“This important milestone brings all of the environmental and economic development benefits of Bajagua much closer to reality,” said Simmons.

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Known in Mexico as Planta 311, named for Minute 311 from the authorizing international treaty, the Bajagua plant will treat 59 mgd of wastewater to a secondary standard that meets all clean water requirements of both the U.S. and Mexico. The project will ultimately provide much-needed reclaimed water opportunities to Mexico, the payment for which will help offset the cost of the plant to the U.S. taxpayer.

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