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Inkaterra, Peru's leading hotel group in sustainable tourism and hotel development, partnering once again with beverage distribution company the AJE Group, has succeeded in making Machu Picchu Pueblo the first city in Latin America to manage 100% of its solid waste.

Continuing their initiatives for the conservation and environmental care of Machu Picchu, AJE Group and Inkaterra presented the first Organic Waste Treatment Plant to the city. Through the process of pyrolysis, in which the waste is decomposed at high temperatures without oxygen, seven tons of trash is processed per day, generating bio-coal, a natural fertilizer that will be used to restore the Andean cloud forest and contribute to the agricultural productivity of Machu Picchu.

"We are very happy to be part of this change in the city of Machu Picchu and to be able to announce that, with this new plant, the circle of sustainability for which we have been working for three years is closing. Machu Picchu officially becomes a 100% sustainable model city in Latin America," said Jorge López-Dóriga, AJE Group's Executive Communications and Sustainability Director.

"The strategic alliance between Inkaterra, the AJE Group and the Municipality of Machu Picchu

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aims to change perception of our wonderful city into a sustainable destination and become an example of management for ecotourism worldwide. We have managed to awaken the ecological conscience of the local community, which now segregates waste from homes and establishments. Today, we present an innovative technology that will contribute to traditional agriculture and help restore the Andean cloud forest in Machu Picchu," added José Joechlin, Inkaterra's Founder and CEO.

Alongside the Organic Waste Treatment Plant, Inkaterra and the AJE Group previously delivered a Plastic Compactor Plant to SERNANP which will be used to recycle trash found along the Inca Trail, the most famous trekking route in South America. The plant was donated in 2017 and prevented the ruins of Machu Picchu from entering UNESCO's list of Heritage at Risk. Currently, 14 tons of polyester plastic are processed daily in this plant.

In 2018, a Biodiesel and Glycerin Plant was inaugurated at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. By processing used vegetable oil from Machu Picchu's homes, lodges, hotels and restaurants, 20 gallons of biodiesel are produced daily from nearly 6,000 liters of used oil a month. The glycerin obtained in the process of making biodiesel is also used by the Municipality to clean the stone floors, thus replacing chemical products. These cumulative efforts to turn the city of Machu Picchu into a model of global sustainability won the Peruvian "Líderes + 1" prize and, in Germany, the prestigious "Die Goldene Palme" award in the category for Responsible Tourism.

For more information on Inkaterra Asociación's conservation efforts, please visit: https://www.inkaterra.com/inkaterra-asociacion-org/en/ For more information on Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, please visit:

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About Inkaterra

Inkaterra is a Peruvian organization with 43 years of experience in sustainable tourism initiatives. It focuses on preserving and rescuing Peru's geography, nature, customs and cultures and sharing them with the world. Since 2011 Inkaterra holds the Rainforest Alliance Verification in Sustainable Tourism, the Relais & Châteaux 2013 Environment Trophy, the 2012 Tourism for Tomorrow Award for Conservation, and the 2012 Green Choice Sustainable Tourism Award. The company currently operates Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica, Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción and Inkaterra Guides Field Station in the Amazon of Southern Peru, Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel in the cloud forest of Machu Picchu, Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, Inkaterra La Casona in Cusco, and El MaPi in Machu Picchu Pueblo under the more affordable brand 'byInkaterra.' Inkaterra has an alliance with the NGO Inkaterra Asociación (ITA), through which the company's profits are invested in research, conservation, educational and social development programs. For more information, visit www.inkaterra.com

About AJE

AJE, a Peruvian company, is one of the largest multinational beverage companies with a presense in 23 countries in Latin America, Asia and Africa. Founded in 1998, it currently has a team composed of more than 13,000 direct and indirect employees. AJE is the fourth company in sales volume in the category of soft drinks and the third in carbonates in those countries in which it operates. With the firm commitment to "democratize consumption," AJE facilitates access to high quality products to new user groups in emerging markets, inspires them to dream bigger, to go further, to enjoy the good things of life and to grow and thrive. The most emblamatic brand of its portfolio is BIG Cola, in addition to Cielo (purified water), Cirfrut (fruit drink), Pulp (juices), Sporade (sports drink), Volt (energy drink), Free Tea (tea ready-to-drink) and BIG Fresh (refreshing drink). For more information, please visit www.ajegroup.com

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