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**Rehabilitation of a 3000 mm water supply line under operating conditions in Buenos Aires**

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## Drinking water Supply of Buenos Aires



22.471 Km  
Pipe network

2.949 Km<sup>2</sup>  
Supply area

5.400.000  
m<sup>3</sup>/d  
Drinking water

10.500.000  
Inhabitants

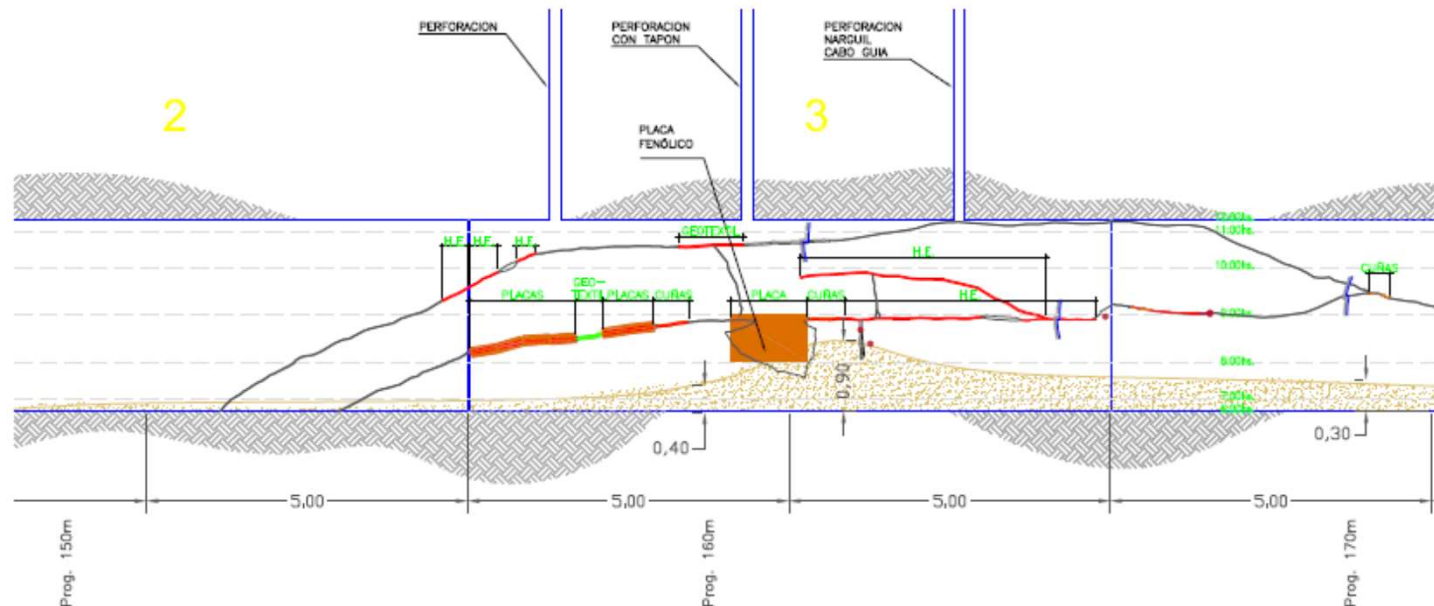
3 Waterworks  
13 Pumping Stations

## Tendering and project planning



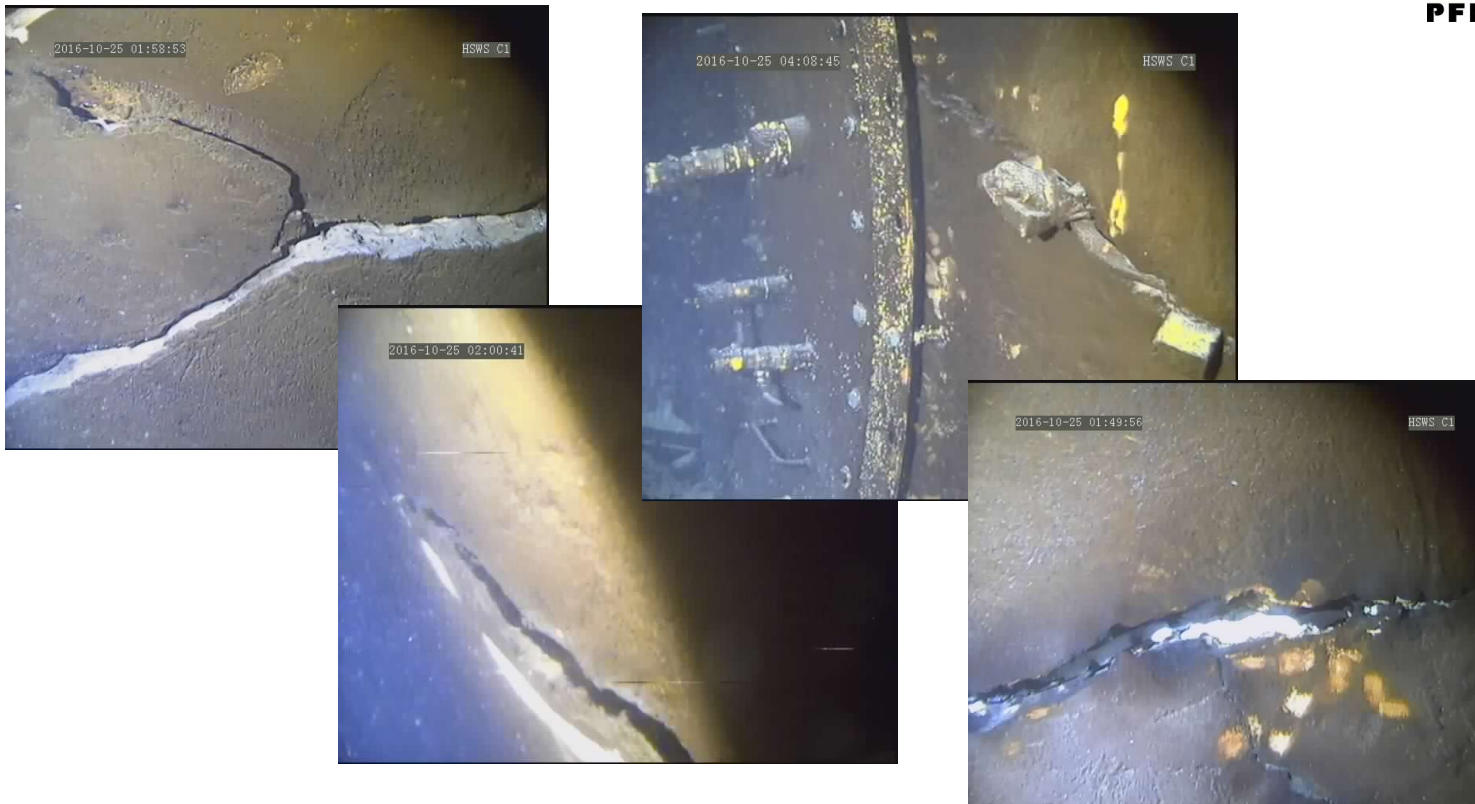
## Tendering and project planning

Cracks / shards / concrete sedimentation from earlier external rehabilitation attempt



Situation was particularly critical, so that there was a danger of collapsing!

## Tendering and project planning

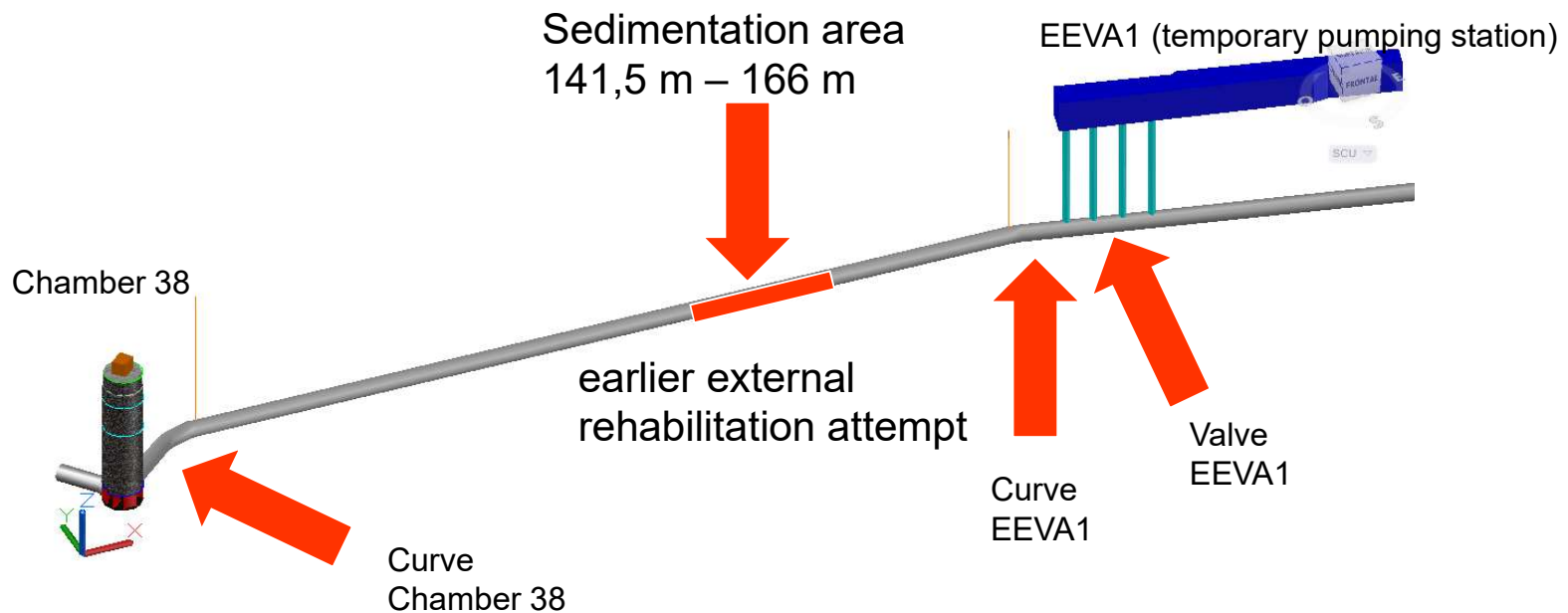


Old pipes were formed by mining as in-situ concrete pipes without steel reinforcement / groundwater infiltrating through cracks

## Tendering and project planning

### Challenges in project planning / implementation

submit a rehabilitation concept → Ludwig Pfeiffer was awarded the contract to rehabilitate the pipeline under operating conditions



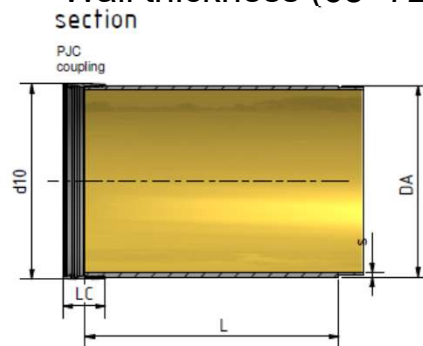
## Tendering and project planning



Chamber 38  
Villa Adelina

## Tendering and project planning

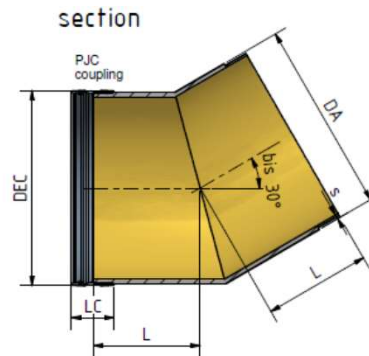
Dimensioning / order GRP pipes and bends DA 2555 mm  
Wall thickness (68 -72 mm)



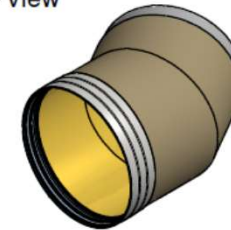
pipe DN 2550 (DA2555)					
SN (N/m <sup>2</sup> )	PN (bar)	s min (mm)	s max (mm)	s (mm)	M min (kg/m)
20000	2	68	72	69	114.7

length: L = 2,92m +25/-10mm

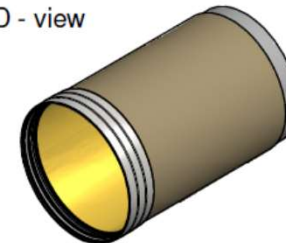
bend DN 2550 (DA 2555)				
SN (N/m <sup>2</sup> )	PN (bar)	s (mm)	M (6°) (kg/m)	L (mm)
20000	2	69	~ 2500	1000



3D - view



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### Purpose:

HOBAS pipe as sewer pipe and pressure pipe  
drinking water according certificate N 000472

### Resin quality:

Polyester resin min. type 1130 acc. DIN 16946-2

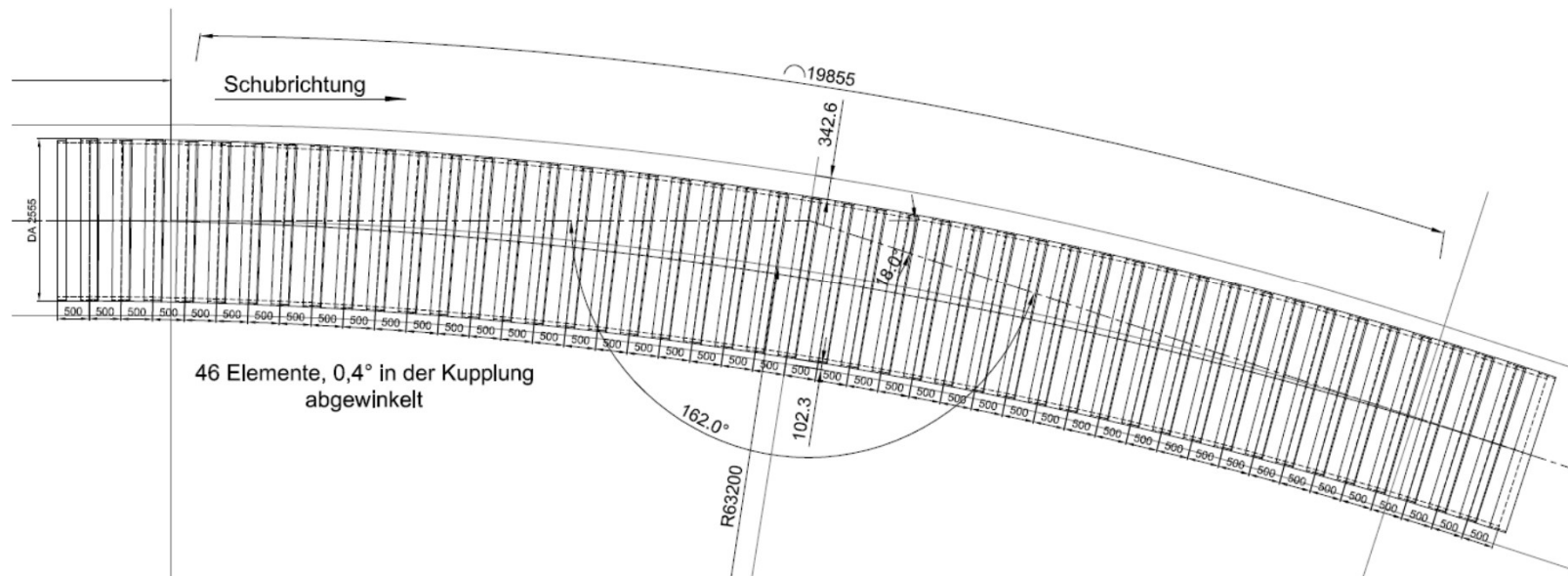
### Pipe connection:

PJC coupling (stainless steel 1.4571) with EPDM-gasket

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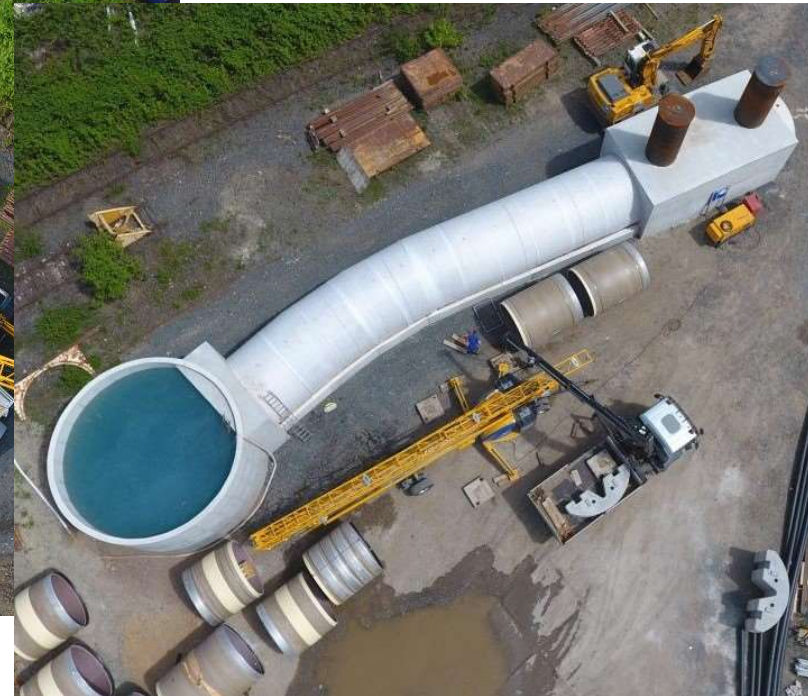
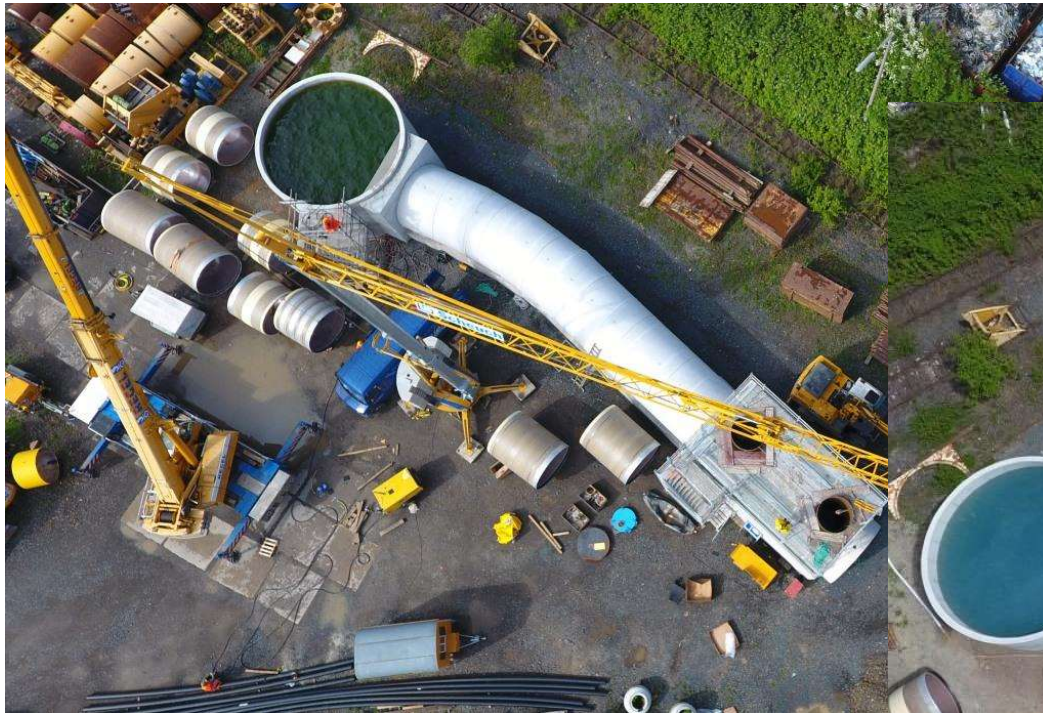
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Wall thickness (68 -72 mm)

46 Short Pipes 0,5 m with Stainless Steel couplings 0,4 degree angled



## Development of rehabilitation technology

Test and diver training site Ludwig Pfeiffer Kassel



## Development of rehabilitation technology

Test site Ludwig Pfeiffer Kassel / GRP Pipe with coupling device





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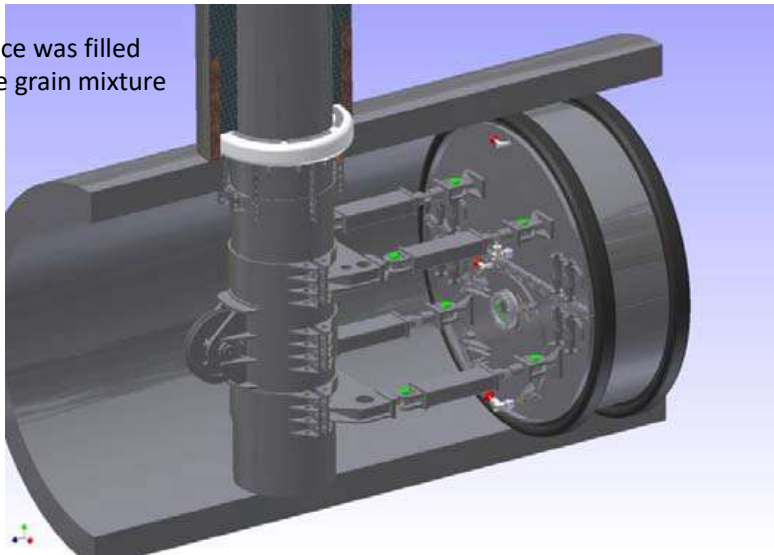
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Test site Ludwig Pfeiffer Kassel



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Annular space was filled  
with a single grain mixture

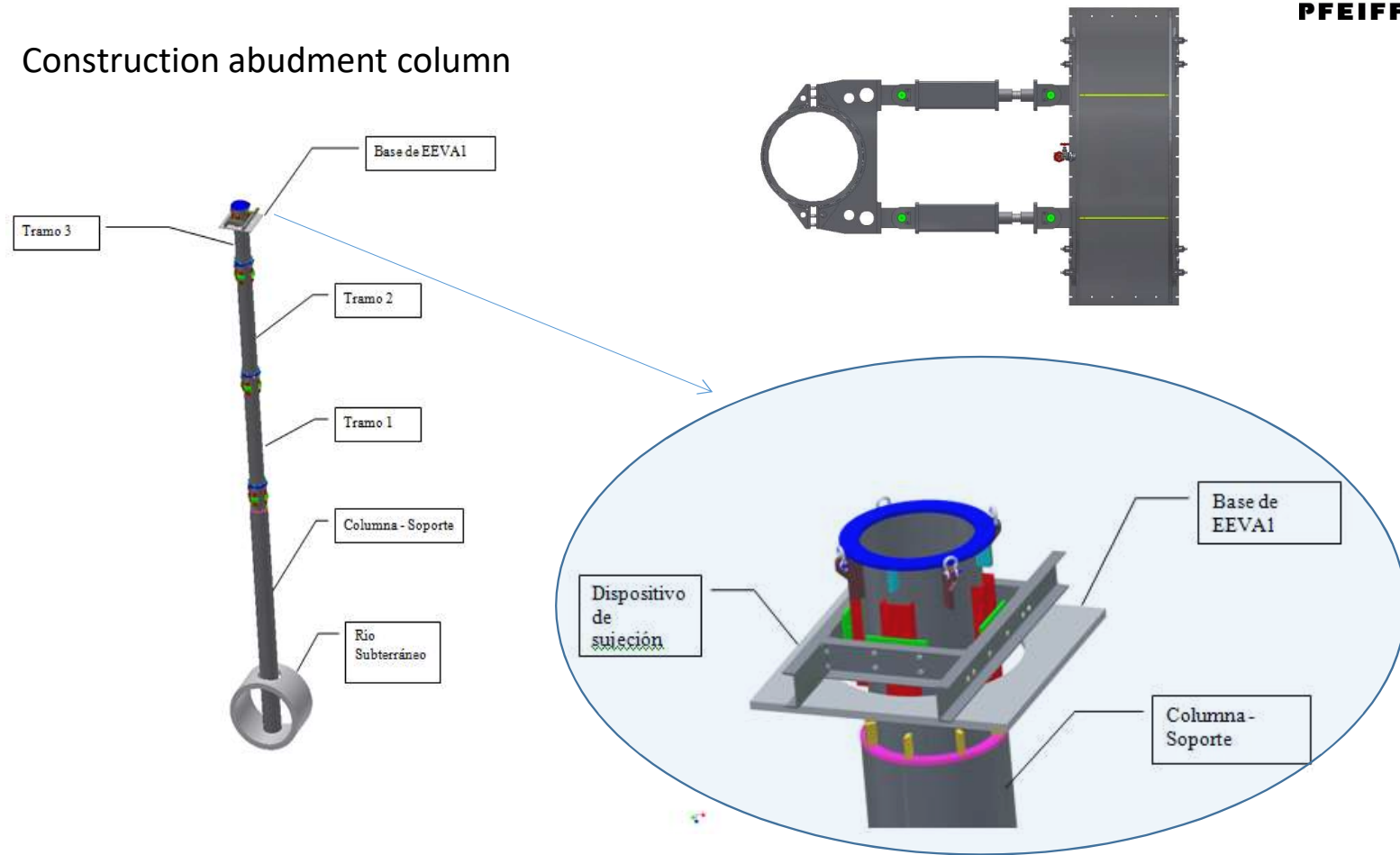


### Design / Construction Valve and Abudment column

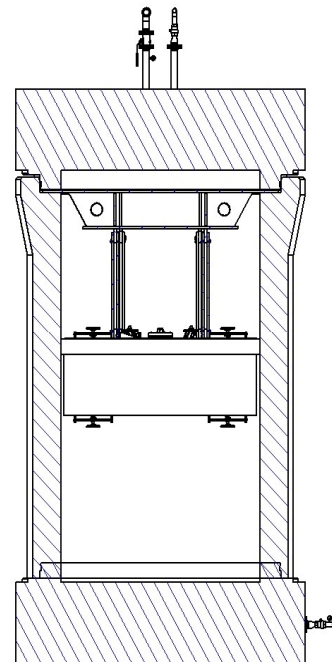
To perform some work it was necessary to seal off the work area  
the valve was constructed in two parts to be able to swim it over the  
sedimentation area

## Development of rehabilitation technology

### Construction abudment column

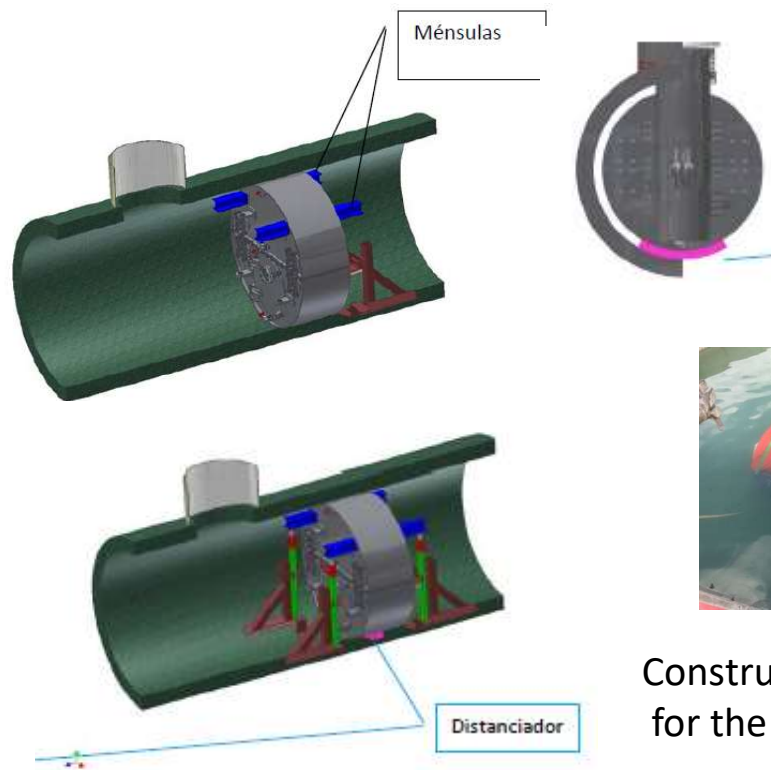


## Development of rehabilitation technology



Test seal and valve

## Development of rehabilitation technology



Development of special  
Floating devices  
by a marine engineer



Construction aids  
for the divers



## Implementation of the rehabilitation



Construction site equipment  
24 h/d (2 x 12 h shifts)  
12 divers / d  
2 diver doctors / d  
Ambulance 24 h  
Pressure chamber...

## Implementation of the rehabilitation





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## Implementation of the rehabilitation

Floating valve part



## Implementation of the rehabilitation Diver control center



## Implementation of the rehabilitation



Expansion of concrete sedimentation by diamond saws an hydraulic splitter

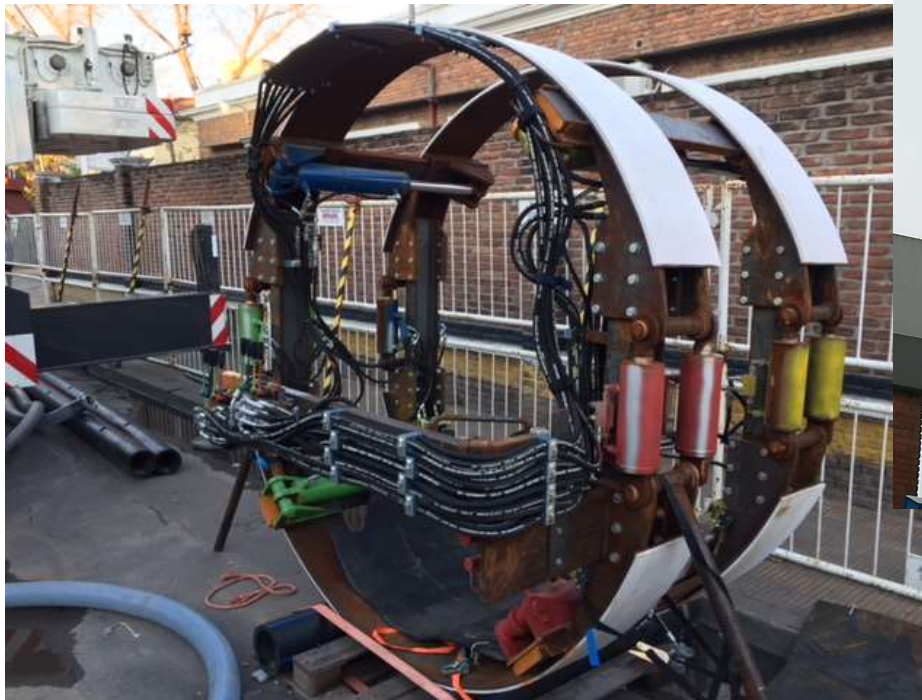
## Implementation of the rehabilitation

Installation of Liner Plates DA 2,88 m



## Implementation of the rehabilitation

### Installation of the Coupling device



## Implementation of the rehabilitation

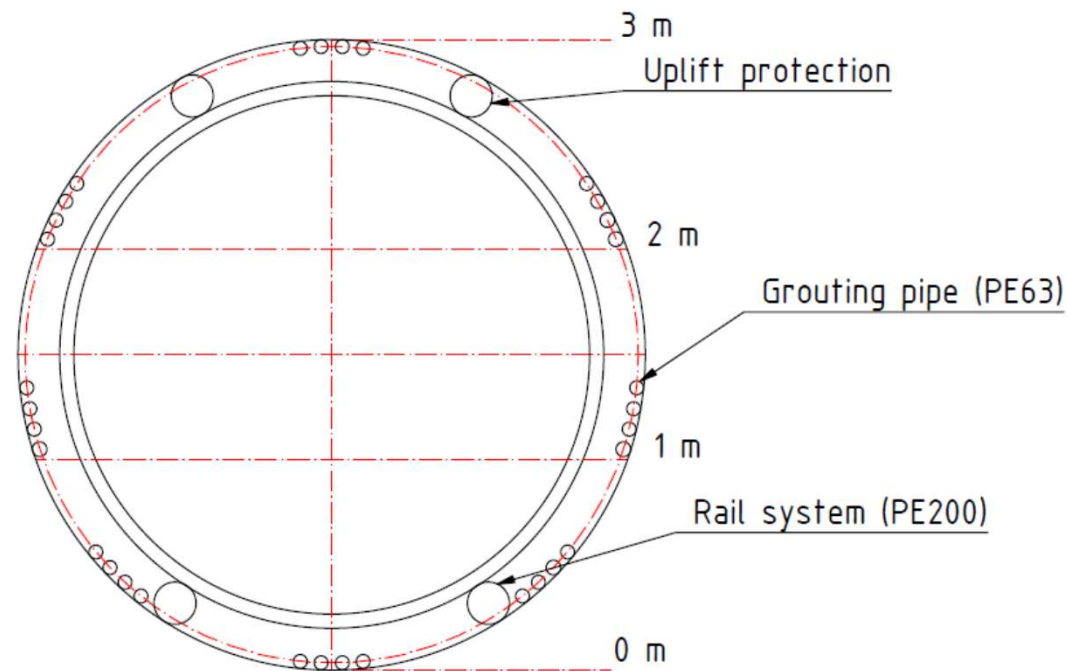
### Installation of GRP jacking pressure pipe



## Implementation of the rehabilitation

Rio Subterraneo grouting the annular space

vertical Grouting  
distribution





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# Questions?

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