



## **Gran Tierra Energy Announces Putumayo School I.E.R Agropecuaria Ciudad Villagarzón Winner of PetrolCopa School Challenge**

**Bogotá, September 16, 2019** -- Gran Tierra Energy is pleased to announce the winner of the second annual PetrolCopa School challenge, a partnership between Gran Tierra Energy and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). The competition, focused on protecting and preserving natural sources of water, saw six teams of students from Putumayo and César compete for the 2019 PetrolCopa title.

After two intense hours of competition, the team of students from I.E.R Agropecuaria Ciudad Villagarzón were named the 2019 PetrolCopa champions. The panel of judges congratulated all of the students for their efforts, which included experts from Conservation International and the Universidad de los Andes.

Over the past two years the project has seen impressive results; more than 3,000 students have benefited from the program and have participated in the competition. In 2018, the inaugural year of the program 22 schools participated. In 2019, the program expanded and it reached 36 schools from across Putumayo, César, Rionegro (Santander) and Yopal.

Four to five member student teams collaborated on a project to find solutions in order to protect and preserve natural sources of water and were supported by a mentor as they researched and advanced their projects. The best projects from each school qualified for a knowledge based competition focused on the content learned throughout the program.

*“GTE is immensely proud of all of the students who participated in the PetrolCopa School Challenge this year. This project is just one example of the social projects that Gran Tierra Energy is undertaking in the regions surrounding our operations. In 2018 alone 90,000 people in Colombia were beneficiaries of our voluntary social investments, totaling \$7,000 million Colombian pesos”,* stated Manuel Buitrago, President and Country Manager in Colombia for Gran Tierra Energy.

*“For SPE Colombia, educational programs like PetrolCopa are an important opportunity to link students from SPE Student chapters, young professionals and senior volunteers with communities. The goal is to build professional profiles with technical skills developed in the academy with soft skills. SPE’s international mission is to spread technical knowledge through volunteer culture in order to benefit the Colombian people with real and important scientific information about the energy industry,”* said Paola Andrea Pastor Chacón, Presidenta de SPE Colombian Section.

Gran Tierra Energy reinforces its commitment to sustainable activities wherever the company operates by providing meaningful training and employment opportunities, a preference for local goods and services, and by voluntarily investing in social and environmental projects.