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Into the Amazon - Projeto Jari

The “Projeto Jari” is a project for the manufacturing of a huge pulp and paper factory in the middle of the Amazon jungle, which was conceived back in the late sixties.

The idea was to make a self-sustainable company that would both plant and process the trees. It is one of the biggest such factories in the world and was built in the late seventies in Japan. The factory consists of two platforms (one energy generating and the other the factory itself) weighting 58 thousand metric tons, with a height equivalent to a 15-story building.



These platforms navigated 15,500 km through oceans and rivers from Kure in Japan to Munguba Port, on the banks of the Jari River in the lower Amazon. ABB Service, an account of ours that uses exclusively WALTER wheels, does the service and maintenance for this factory.

As part of our service and support to ABB, we are visiting all of the companies that have subcontracted their services. All these accounts receive a full day of focused attention from WALTER, which includes product and safety seminars, and hands-on training.

To visit Projeto Jari was quite an adventure: A six hour flight to Belém do Pará and then another two and a half hours to Monte Dourado, in a plane that would make Indiana Jones chill! Internally, at WALTER, we referred to this visit as the “Survivor Project”. The only difference with the now famous TV program is that the person who lost was the one to go!

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