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DEGRÉMONT HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN PROCUREMENT AND TRAINING ASSISTANCE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRINKING WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AL RUSAFA - BAGHDAD.

On December 07, 2008, in a ceremony held at the Mayoralty of Baghdad, Degrémont, a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, signed a contract with the association of AL Mabrook and Issam Al-Iraqi Construction Contractors Companies, for the design, purchase of equipment and training of personnel to build a drinking water treatment plant with an output capacity of 910,000 m³/day in Al Rusafa- Baghdad. This project will provide drinking water to more than 4 million residents in the Grand Baghdad area who until now did not have any access to it.

Degrémont will provide the overall design of the plant, as well as the procurement and delivery of its process equipment, and the training of Iraqi engineers in assembling and starting up the plant. The implementation of the contract will be backed in totality by support from the countries in the Middle East in which Degrémont is already present, with teams of engineers from Egypt, Jordan, and Lebanon. The equipments will be delivered in Jordan and Iraqi employees will be trained in Degrémont plants based in neighbouring countries and in France.

The 150 million euros contract will be entirely financed by the final client, the Baghdad Water Authority, through advances.

The plant, with its very high output capacity (910,000 m³/day), will complete the current drinking water production system in the city of Baghdad, which has two similar plants today. This new plant will provide drinking water to more than 4 millions residents in Al Rusafa.

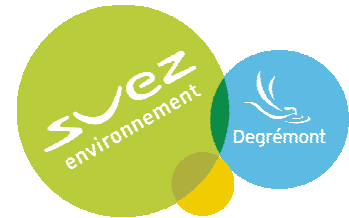
Degrémont has supervised more than thirty water treatment projects in Iraq, from the beginning of the Sixties. Through its subsidiary Degrémont, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT is present in the Middle-East, with offices and operation in the UAE, Qatar, Egypt, Lebanon, Bahrein and Jordan.

In Dubai, Degrémont is currently building the biggest wastewater treatment and reuse plant in the region, using the biggest Membrane Biological Reactor for Jumeirah Golf Estates Project. In Qatar, two wastewater treatment and reuse plants are under construction for the city of Doha and the new city Lusail. In Barka, Oman, Degrémont is building a sea water desalination plant, coupled with a power plant built by GDF SUEZ Energy International. Degrémont and GDF SUEZ Energy International have also just won a power and desalination project in Barhein, that will be the largest Reverse Osmosis Plant in the Region with a capacity of 220.000 m³/day.

Degrémont is the water treatment specialist within SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT. With business in over 70 countries and 3,700 employees, Degrémont generated sales of 954 million Euros in 2007.

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SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT 62,000 employees and, with its presence on a global scale, is a world's leader exclusively dedicated to environmental services. In 2007, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, a 35% GDF SUEZ affiliate, achieved sales turnover of 12 billion euros.

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