



PRESS RELEASE

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SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT ACQUIRES A NEW WATER SUPPLY JOINT VENTURE IN TIANJIN (CHINA)

Tianjin government agreed on an equity transfer between Earth Tech and SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, via its subsidiary Sino French Water Development for a water supply joint venture in Tianjin.

Tianjin Sino French Jieyuan Water Co., Ltd., is a 52-48 joint venture between Sino French Water Development and Tianjin Water Works Group. During the remaining operating period of 14 years, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT will operate the Jieyuan Water Plant supplying 1 million inhabitants which represents one third of Tianjin downtown city population with a daily capacity of 500,000 cubic meters. The equity transfer represents an investment of USD 17 millions, equivalent to RMB117 millions.

Jean-Louis Chaussade, CEO of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT comments, "We are delighted to cooperate with Tianjin Water Works Group and jointly create value for Sino French Jieyuan Water. We believe that through the cooperation we will not only bring high quality service to Tianjin residents as usual, but devote ourselves to environmental protection in the region to improve environment quality."

This contract reinforces SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's commitment to bring advanced technology and management to China and represents its 22nd joint venture in the region for the water sector. With 10.5 million inhabitants, Tianjin is the largest harbour of Northern China and is one of the country's four autonomous municipalities.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's presence in Tianjin municipality dates back to 2004 with the establishment of Tianjin Tanggu Sino French Water Supply Co. Ltd.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT in Tianjin:

Tianjin Tanggu Sino French Water Supply is 50-50 joint venture with Tianjin Tanggu City Construction Investment. The 35 years concession contract includes water production and

distribution, maintenance and customer service with a daily capacity of 310,000 cubic meters serving a population of 600,000 inhabitants.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT in China:

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has been present in China for 30 years, through its subsidiaries Sino-French Holdings and Sino French Water Development (SFWD), Swire SITA Waste Services and Degrémont, the world water treatment plants specialists. In 2008, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT managed more than €750m of income in China's business activities

***Sino-French Holding** (created in 1985) is a 50-50 joint venture with the New World group in Hong Kong. Its wholly-owned subsidiary **Sino French Water Development** manages drinking water services in Mainland China. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's subsidiaries in China deliver drinking water to 16 Chinese municipal authorities (Chongqing, Qingdao, Sanya, Tanggu, Shanghai, Macao, etc.), representing water supply to over 14 million inhabitants.*

***Swire SITA Waste Services** is a major player in the waste management sector in Hong Kong and Macao. In Hong Kong, Swire SITA operates WENT and NENT, two of the largest and most modern landfills in the world.*

Since 2002, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has provided industrial water services and advanced technologies to treat industrial effluents and hazardous waste at the Shanghai Chemical Industry Park (SCIP), one of Asia's largest petrochemical and industrial platforms.

***Degrémont** has been present in China for the past 30 years. The company has built 190 facilities with industrial clients and public authorities.*

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT

Natural resources are not infinite. Each day, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) and its affiliates deal with the challenge to protect resources by providing innovative solutions to industry and to millions of people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT supplies drinking water to 76 million people, provides wastewater treatment services for 44 million people, and collects the waste produced by 60 million people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has 65,400 employees and, with a presence on all five continents, is a world leader exclusively dedicated to environmental services. In 2008, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT reported revenues of 12.4 billion euros. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT is a 35%-owned subsidiary of GDF SUEZ.

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