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SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT wins 120 million euro contract to collect Brisbane city waste

The City of Brisbane in Queensland, Eastern Australia, has awarded SITA Australia, a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, the largest contract for local waste collection in the country. This 8 year contract totaling EUR 120 million will enable waste to be collected from 1.1 million residents. With this decision, the City of Brisbane re-affirms the confidence that it has shown in SITA Australia for 14 years.

Jean-Louis Chaussade, CEO of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, indicated with pleasure: "*With this new contract, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT will provide waste management expertise and continue its support for the residents of Brisbane. This contract, worth over EUR 15 million a year, is the largest waste collection contract in Australia.*"

Brisbane Mayor Campbell Newman comments on the selection: "*The City Council is satisfied with its choice, the SITA offer provides the best value for money and outstanding environmental benefits for the population of Brisbane.*"

SITA Australia will invest in new collection vehicles to perform the contract. Company CEO Eric Gernath provides further details: "*The purchase of 107 new vehicles by SITA Australia will inject EUR 18 million into the Queensland regional economy.*"

SITA Australia has been managing the collection of household waste since 2002 and has been providing collection services for recyclable waste since 1992.

In Australia, the waste industry represents approximately EUR 1 billion. The industry gives SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT substantial development potential as the country's waste management policy has recently been changed and now advocates alternative waste treatment solutions (alternative waste technologies) in which sorting, composting and methanization play an important role. Moreover, the market for waste collection in Australia is currently in a significant consolidation phase.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT this year opened two new waste treatment plants in Sydney and Perth, with a combined capacity of 230,000 tons a year. The two facilities transform the organic portion of household waste into compost and extract the recyclable portion as well.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT in Australia

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has had a presence in Australia for 18 years and currently operates there through its two subsidiaries: Degrémont in the water sector and SITA Environmental Solutions ("SITA Australia") in the waste industry. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT generated revenues of EUR 268 million in 2008 and had approximately 1,000 employees in this country.

Water

In the water sector, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has the largest water desalination plant in the southern hemisphere in Perth, the first to be powered by a wind farm, one of the largest drinking water facilities in the world in Sydney and a waste water recycling plant in Pimpama.

Waste

SITA Australia provides collection services for 43,000 commercial and industrial customers as well as 1.1 million residents in one of the main cities on the continent. It is among the leading Australian recycling and waste treatment companies, offering services for the collection of municipal, industrial and commercial waste, the processing of waste, the extraction of value from recyclable waste and the operation of waste storage facilities. SITA Australia adheres to Australian policy on improved re-use of waste, currently operating two mechanical and biological treatment sites, an energy recovery plant (Resource Co., located in Adelaide and yielding 80,000 tons of Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) a year) and 4 composting sites, in addition to its 5 waste storage facilities.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT

Natural resources are not infinite. Each day, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) and its subsidiaries meet the challenge of protecting resources by providing innovative solutions to millions of people and to industries. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT supplies drinking water to 76 million people, provides wastewater treatment services to 44 million people and handles waste collection for 60 million people. With its 65,400 employees, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT is a global leader exclusively dedicated to water and waste management business lines and present on five continents. In 2008, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, a 35% GDF SUEZ affiliate, had gross revenues of 12.4 billion euros.

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