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GDF SUEZ signs nuclear cooperation agreement in Brazil with Eletrobrás and Eletronuclear

On the occasion of the State visit of Nicolas Sarkozy, President of France, in Brazil, Gérard Mestrallet, Chairman and CEO of GDF SUEZ, signed a cooperation agreement (Protocolo) with José Antonio Muniz Lopes de Souza, CEO of Eletrobras, and Othon Luiz Pinheiro da Silva, Chairman of Eletronuclear, in the field of nuclear power. The cooperation will be aimed primarily at the exchange of information and experience, in order to pursue the country's nuclear programme.

The cooperation efforts focus on the issues that govern the success of a nuclear programme: top-quality operation of nuclear power plants, technology and design, ownership, control and funding mechanisms, selection process for construction sites, public acceptance, and development of human resources.

GDF SUEZ has been active in the nuclear industry for 50 years. GDF SUEZ owns and operates 7 reactors in Belgium and has a stake in the French Chooz and Tricastin nuclear power plants, representing 1,170 MW or the equivalent of a nuclear unit. Furthermore, it recently obtained drawing rights on German power plants thanks to an energy swap with E.ON.

The Group intends to play an active part in the nuclear development throughout the world and is already involved in projects in both France and Romania. Today, GDF SUEZ is also committed to develop new nuclear power stations notably in the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates.

"The Group intends to make good use of its outstanding experience in nuclear site management, maintaining its presence in Europe while expanding in key markets such as Brazil, where we are already the leading private electricity generator, with 7,500 MW already installed and 4,490 under construction," stated Gérard Mestrallet, Chairman and CEO of GDF SUEZ.

One of the leading energy providers in the world, GDF SUEZ is active across the entire energy value chain, in electricity and natural gas, upstream to downstream. It develops its businesses (energy, energy services and environment) around a responsible-growth model to take up the great challenges: responding to energy needs, ensuring the security of supply, fighting against climate change and maximizing the use of resources. GDF SUEZ relies on diversified supply sources as well as flexible and high-performance power generation in order to provide innovative energy solutions to individuals, cities and businesses. The Group employs 200,000 people worldwide and achieved revenues of €83.1 billion in 2008. GDF SUEZ is listed on the Brussels, Luxembourg and Paris stock exchanges and is represented in the main international indices: CAC 40, BEL 20, DJ Stoxx 50, DJ Euro Stoxx 50, Euronext 100, FTSE Eurotop 100, MSCI Europe and ASPI Eurozone.

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