



## PRESS RELEASE

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### SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT APPOINTMENTS

To support SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's strategy, its Chief Executive Officer, Jean-Louis Chaussade, announces a strengthened management team.

*"These appointments across our European and international activities as well as our central functions are representative of our Group's drive to achieve balanced growth and to work continuously for sustainable development and innovation,"* says Jean-Louis Chaussade.

**Bernard Guirkingier is appointed Senior Executive Vice President of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, in charge of the business coordination for the water activities, R&D and Sustainable Development.** He also takes over responsibility for Institutional Relations (European affairs, international agencies, social empowerment).

**Isabelle Kocher, previously Chief Operating Officer, is appointed Chief Executive Officer of Lyonnaise des Eaux.** She will also head up the Water development in Europe and, in particular, Germany and Italy.

**Thierry Mallet, former CEO of Degrémont, is appointed, from 1 October 2009, Senior Executive Vice President of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, in charge of International,** a sector that includes Degrémont, Asia, North America, Central Europe and the Middle East. He becomes a member of the Group Management Committee.

**Rémi Lantier, previously Chief Operating Officer of Degrémont, is appointed Chief Executive Officer of Degrémont.**

In addition to her current missions - Legal and Audit - **Marie-Ange Debon, General Secretary of the Group and Member of the Management Committee,** takes over responsibility for the Waste and Water Projects Division, IT, Risk/Investments, Insurance and Procurement Divisions.

#### **SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT**

*Natural resources are not infinite. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) and its subsidiaries are committed to meeting the challenge of protecting resources every single day by providing innovative solutions to industry and to millions of individuals. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT supplies drinking water to 76 million people, provides wastewater treatment services for 44 million people, and collects the waste produced by 51 million people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has 65,400 employees and, with a presence on all five continents, is the world leader exclusively dedicated to environmental services. In 2008, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT reported revenues of 12.4 billion euros. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT is a 35.4%-owned subsidiary of GDF SUEZ.*

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## **BIOGRAPHIES:**

**Bernard Guirkingner**, 57, is an engineering graduate of the École Centrale de Paris. After holding various operational posts in many Lyonnaise des Eaux activities in France, he was appointed Regional Director of the South Paris centre at the start of the 1990s. In 1995 he pursued his career abroad, heading up operational subsidiaries in Germany, Central Europe and North America. He was appointed CEO of Lyonnaise de Eaux in 1996. Since 2002, Bernard Guirkingner has been Chairman and CEO of Lyonnaise des Eaux. He is also in charge of Water operations in Europe.

**Thierry Mallet**, 49, is a former Polytechnic student (promo X80), with a Master of Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a qualified Corps des Ponts civil engineer. Having begun his career in 1986 at the Ministry of Infrastructure, he held several posts in the private sector between 1989 and 2002 with responsibilities for water in France, Spain and North America. He joined SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT in 2002 as COO of Degrémont. Since 2004, he has been member of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of this specialised water treatment company.

**Marie-Ange Debon**, 44, is a graduate of HEC and ENA, and holds a Master of Law. She is a member of the College of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, the French financial markets authority. From 1990 to 1994 she was a magistrate at the Cour des Comptes, the French national accounting court. She then joined France 3 and was Managing Director then Deputy CEO in charge of Resources (Finance, Legal, IT, Production and Equipment). Then in November 1998, she joined the Thomson Group where she was Deputy Finance Director, and from July 2003 was General Secretary, responsible for Law, Insurance, Buildings, External Communication and Shareholders. She joined SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT on 1 June 2008 as General Secretary.

**Isabelle Kocher**, 40, is a graduate of the Ecole Normale Supérieure and a qualified Corps des Mines civil engineer. She has extensive experience in industry and finance, notably in the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industry from 1997. Between 1999 and 2002 she was Industrial Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister. She joined the SUEZ Group in 2002. Since 2007 she has been the Chief Operating Officer of Lyonnaise des Eaux.

**Rémi Lantier**, 56, is a graduate of the Ecole Centrale de Paris and holds a Master of Science from the University of California in Los Angeles. Having begun his career in 1978 at Alstom, where he held several posts in Energy, he became Director of the Energy Division for Alstom International Inc in New York in 1987. In 1990 he returned to Europe to become Department Director for GEC Alstom MTM Group until 1995. From 1995 to 1997 he was Project Director for Power Plants and Vice President of the Energy Sales Department for Asia Pacific and North America. In 1999 he joined Degrémont as Senior Executive Vice President in charge of the International sector before becoming Chief Operating Officer in 2005.