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### **GDF SUEZ, Chongqing Municipal partner for energy and environmental efficiency development**

Gérard MESTRALLET, Chairman and CEO of GDF SUEZ, has signed an agreement with Chongqing Energy Investment Group for the establishment of a 40/60 joint venture dedicated to energy and environmental efficiency in Chongqing, the largest Municipality in the world (30 million inhabitants) located in Western China. For a period of 25 years, the company shall design, build and operate district cooling and heating schemes in Chongqing urban area, and develop solutions to provide dedicated industrial parks and industries with relevant aggregated energy and environmental efficiency services. Priority shall be given to cooling schemes in the first period.

The establishment of this joint venture launches GDF SUEZ energy services business in Chongqing and illustrates the Chinese Government's commitment to energy and environmental efficiency objectives of the 11<sup>th</sup> five year plan.

Gérard MESTRALLET signed this Agreement while attending, September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> International Economic Advisory Council of the Mayor of Chongqing. Gérard MESTRALLET was appointed Chairman of Chongqing Mayor's Council in September 2006 and chaired the Council the first two years. He is now the Honorary Chairman of the Council which is composed of some 30 international business executives which meet every year to support the industrial development of the Municipality.

GDF SUEZ, through its Energy Services business line, operates over 110 district heating and cooling schemes. The Energy Services business line operates, in particular, the Paris district cooling scheme, the first and biggest in the world with 70 km of network. Last year, GDF SUEZ Energy Services was designated to build and operate for 40 years the district cooling and heating scheme of the London 2012 Olympic Park and Stratford City new development area. New district cooling schemes are presently under development in the Middle East and Asia.

**Chongqing Energy Investment Group (CQEIG)** is the energy investment tool of Chongqing Municipality integrated company: investment, production, operation and usages of energy (electricity, coal, gas). Installed power production capacity: 5.67 million kilowatts; annual natural gas supply: 1.7 billion cubic meters. 60,000 employees.

**GDF SUEZ Energy Services** offers its customers in industry, services, and infrastructures custom-made solutions, whether in the fields of engineering, installations or energy services. GDF SUEZ Energy Services is a key solution provider in energy and environmental efficiency, especially in district cooling and heating as well as in outsourcing for industrial parks. GDF SUEZ Energy Services employs 80,000 people in more than 30 countries and achieved revenues of € 14 billion in 2008.

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The Group first forged ties with the Chongqing metropolitan area in 2002, when it signed through SUEZ Environment a concession contract with the city. It is the first large-scale public-private partnership and the first actual water concession contract based on a long-term partnership (50 years). The area covered by the concession (population of 1,000,000) is located in the northern part of the city. It also includes rapidly-growing industrial areas, such as the area where the international airport is located.

In addition, through its 50/50 joint venture, Chongqing Sino French Tangjiatuo, it manages operations and maintenance for the treatment plant in the same north Chongqing neighbourhood. This is the first domestic wastewater sanitation contract for the Group. The plant has a capacity of 300,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day, which will be increased to 400,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day.

Finally, in February 2009, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, won a new drinking water distribution concession for the Yuelai district. The contract covers the construction and operation of a drinking water treatment plant with a capacity of 600,000 m<sup>3</sup> per day, as well as management of water distribution services for Yuelai, which will eventually serve 1.2 million people.

In 2008, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT total revenues in China were of 750 million euros.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT and its historic partner New World Services have, together, recently acquired 15 percent of Chongqing Water Group's (CWG), the leading company in water and sanitation services of the Province of Chongqing, for approximately 140 million euros (RMB 1.5 billion). This strategic investment is a major step forward for the growth of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's activities in China. It proves the level of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's commitment to the Chongqing authorities and its confidence in the future in terms of strengthening relationships with Chongqing's local authorities and developing services for its population and industries.

*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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