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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT RENEWS WATER CONCESSION CONTRACT IN MACAO FOR 1BN EUROS OVER A 20-YEAR PERIOD**

Macao Water, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's subsidiary, today announces the signing of the concession contract renewal to provide water services for the next 20 years in Macao Special Administrative Region of China. Macao Water is 85% held by Sino-French Holdings, a joint venture established between SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT and Hong Kong's NWS Holdings. This renewal follows 25 years of successful water services by Macao Water that has accompanied the region in its recent rapid and continuing development. The contract will generate an cumulated turnover of approximately 1bn Euros over the period.

In 1985, Macao Water was first granted a 25-years water concession contract by Macao Government. Since then, Macao Water has become the flagship of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT water services in Asia. Utilising world-class technologies and effective management, Macao Water supplies water to over 540,000 local residents and 27 million tourists annually. As per the new contract, Macao Water will continue to operate, maintain and manage its three water treatment plants with a total capacity of 330,000 cubic metres per day and 567 kilometres of distribution network to assure consistent water supply. Furthermore, subsequently to the accomplishment of phase II of the Main Storage Water Treatment Plant, the renewed contract will allow the company to construct and operate the phase III of the plant to satisfy the increasing water demand of Macao in next coming years.

Facing challenges such as threat of salinity, water shortages and public increasing expectations, Macao Water has always been committed to constantly renew its water supply facilities, reinforce water distribution network, upgrade customer services, engage in social responsibility, protect the environment and work closely with the local authorities.

Dr. Fan Xiaojun, executive director of Macao Water comments, "We feel very privileged to continue the collaboration with Macao SAR government. The contract renewal represents the local municipality's affirmation of our achievements and efforts to overcome challenges. Macao Water will keep on reinforcing its commitments of the water quality supply and customer services to inhabitants of Macao."

Jean-Louis Chaussade, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's CEO adds « The renewal of this partnership demonstrates once more our long-term commitment to Macao, the solid relationship between us, as well as our investment in the Chinese public utilities sector and our commitment to achieving the environmental goals set by the central government."

**Macao Water :**

*Macao Water is a subsidiary of Sino- French Holdings (Hong Kong) limited, a 50/50 joint venture between SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT and Hong Kong's NWS Holdings Limited (New World Development).*

**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 revenue in China's business activities.*

***Sino-French Holdings** (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 water services in Mainland China. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's subsidiaries in China deliver water services to 17 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 35.4%-owned subsidiary of GDF SUEZ.*

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