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## MAJORITY OF AGBAR SHAREHOLDERS APPROVE ITS DELISTING

- This approval for SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, is an essential first step forward in this procedure.
- SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT confirms that AGBAR will maintain its Catalan roots and that its headquarters will remain in Barcelona.

At this morning's extraordinary general meeting, the shareholders of Aguas de Barcelona (AGBAR) approved- by a majority - the public offering submitted for the company to be delisted and the simultaneous transfer to CRITERIA CAIXA CORP (CRITERIA) of its stake in ADESLAS.

This represents the first step in an operation agreed on between SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT and CRITERIA, the controlling shareholders in AGBAR.

This operation follows on from the strong trust-based relationships built up between SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, AGBAR and CRITERIA. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has been a shareholder in AGBAR for more than 30 years, and both companies have a long track record of working together. In turn, the excellent relationship between SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT and CRITERIA has also been the fundamental pillar underpinning this long-term alliance.

"Our goal, drawing on AGBAR's current team, is to pursue and consolidate the development of AGBAR, which will maintain its Catalan roots and, naturally, its headquarters in Barcelona, becoming SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's second European pillar in the water sector", confirmed Jean Louis Chaussade, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's Chief Executive Officer, to AGBAR's shareholders.

Both in Europe and in the rest of the world, the capacity and expertise of both AGBAR and SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT will make it possible to further accelerate the Group's development, thanks to their combined commercial networks and the implementation of joint innovations – in particular, in areas such as water treatment and desalination - and to work actively on all issues relating to sustainable development.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT and CRITERIA expect the delisting will take place during the first quarter of 2010 and that it will be possible to complete the overall operation midway through 2010, once the necessary approvals have been received from the supervisory and regulatory bodies.

#### **SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT**

Natural resources are not infinite. Each day, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) and its subsidiaries deal with the challenge to protect resources by providing innovative solutions to industries 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 51 million people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has 65,400 employees and, with its presence on a global scale, is the world's leader exclusively dedicated to environmental services. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, a 35.4% GDF SUEZ affiliate, reported sales turnover of 12.4 billion euros at the end of financial vear 2008.

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