



## PRESS RELEASE

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### GENERAL MEETING OF 20 MAY 2010: ALL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT held its General Meeting on 20 May 2010, chaired by Gérard Mestrallet.

It was an opportunity for the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer to report to shareholders the events and actions taken and to highlight the key challenges to come. The year in focus, 2009, was the first full year for SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT as a listed company.

The CEO, Jean-Louis Chaussade, presented the Group's operational performance and confirmed the long-term strategy and solidity of its business model.

Operational performance improved thanks to the COMPASS cost optimization program, and to the Group's commercial dynamism. The contract of Melbourne, in Australia, to build the largest desalination plant in the Southern Hemisphere was one illustration of this dynamism, just as more recently, the Suffolk waste contract (UK, £1bn over 25 years). The year 2009 was also the year of a major strategic move with the friendly step up of Aguas de Barcelona, which will become SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's second European pillar in water.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, in 2009, has continued its efforts in favor of sustainable development and published its non-financial performance and its second "Commitments and Performance" report.

The Group also reinforced and improved its corporate governance. The General Meeting approved 27 resolutions including the renewal or appointment of the 7 directors. Gérard Mestrallet, Chairman of the Board of Directors and of the Strategic Committee, and the Chairmen of the other three Board Committees (Audit Committee, Appointments and Remuneration Committee, Ethics and Sustainable Development Committee) presented the work undertaken in recent months.

All the resolutions submitted by the Board of Directors to the Group's shareholders for voting were adopted. The General Meeting approved the 2009 financial statements as well as the allocation of results for the year, and decided a dividend payment<sup>1</sup> of €0.65 per share to be paid out 27 May 2010.

The General Meeting was attended by almost 800 shareholders and was broadcast live on the Group's website<sup>2</sup>.

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  - **4 August 2010:** Publication of 1<sup>st</sup> half results 2010.

<sup>1</sup> Resolution of r €1.30 including the coupon paid in June 2009 as an interim dividend (€0.65) and that which will be paid out end of May.

<sup>2</sup> The video of the General Meeting presentation of 20 May will be available on the website [www.suez-environnement.com](http://www.suez-environnement.com)



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