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SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT AWARDED THE OUTSOURCING CONTRACT FOR THE STRASBOURG WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, REPRESENTING A REVENUE OF 98 MILLION EUROS

The Strasbourg Urban Community has entrusted the operation of the Strasbourg wastewater treatment plant, with a capacity of 1,000,000 inhabitant equivalents, to Lyonnaise des Eaux and Degrémont Services as part of an eight-year public services outsourcing contract.

A dedicated company, Valorhin, has been created to liaise between Lyonnaise des Eaux (70%) and Degrémont Services (30%), to bring together the know-how of the two companies belonging to the SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Group in order to guarantee technical and environmental excellence when operating the fifth largest wastewater plant in France.

The contract includes the operation of the entire plant and, from the end of the 2012, of a new process to treat the sludge from waste water, which combines two digesters, two driers and a co-generation process to produce heat and electricity.

Green-energy plant

Through the new sludge treatment process, Lyonnaise des Eaux and Degrémont Services will use their expertise in biomass management to produce green electricity and offer additional sources of energy. Using sludge from the plant and from other plants, the facility will be capable of producing a significant amount of heat and electricity in co-generation.

Carbon-neutral sludge process

The wastewater plant, in which the group intends to invest 5 million euros, will achieve a carbon-neutral footprint in 2013. In addition to producing renewable electricity from sludge, Lyonnaise des Eaux will be able to use various processes and technologies such as recycling all the by-products of the plant into building materials, which will save several thousands of tonnes of CO₂/year.

Environmental performance forms part of the group's strategy

This plant, which leads the way on a technical and environmental level, is part of the Edelway performance undertaking of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT whose aim is to preserve natural resources, protect biodiversity and reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by providing support to local communities, as these communities are the first ones concerned with tackling the environmental challenges of the 21st century.

The "Green Product Line" of Lyonnaise des Eaux systematically offers communities a carbon-footprint audit and any related action plans. In fact, local public authorities account for 15% of greenhouse-gas emissions in France and local public services involved in water and sanitation are the third highest emitters after education establishments and general administration. Lyonnaise des Eaux has declared that its aim is to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions from the work it carries out on behalf of these communities and help them to fulfil their Climate Plan objectives.

Lyonnaise des Eaux

Lyonnaise des Eaux, a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, has 11,700 employees, supplies drinking water to 12 million residents and provides wastewater treatment for more than 9.3 million people in France. In 2010, the company launched the "New Ideas for Water" programme, a 12-month work and dialogue process with all France's players in the water sector and citizens, in order to identify the key water issues in France today and formulate new proposals. This consultative programme is carried out via an Internet platform and through an Expert Committee, the New Ideas Forum.

To find out more, go to www.lyonnaise-des-eaux.fr and www.ideesneuvessurleau.net

Degrémont

Degrémont, within SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, has specialised in water treatment plants for over 70 years. Present in over 70 countries with 4,400 employees, Degrémont posted a revenue of 1,053 million euros in 2009.

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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 90 million people, provides wastewater treatment services for 58 million people and collects the waste produced by 46 million people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has 78,700 employees and, with its presence on five continents, is a world leader exclusively dedicated to environmental services. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, a 35.4% GDF SUEZ affiliate, reported sales turnover of 12.3 billion euros at the end of financial year 2009.

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