



PRESS RELEASE

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SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR OPERATING AND MAINTAINING WATER AND WASTE WATER SERVICES IN THE CITY OF ADELAIDE (AUSTRALIA), GENERATING A GLOBAL REVENUE OF 840 MILLION EUROS

The Government of the State of South Australia has awarded SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT and its subsidiary, Degrémont, in partnership with Transfield Services, a contract, generating a global revenue of 840 million euros, to supply water and waste water services to 1.1 million inhabitants in the city of Adelaide and its surrounding area. Adelaide is the fifth-largest city in the country.

The contract will operate as an alliance contract¹, a public-private partnership which brings together SA Water, a State government enterprise, and a joint-venture between SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT and its subsidiary Degrémont (holding 50%), and Transfield Services (50%). This contract represents a total revenue of 420 million euros for SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT.

The Group and its partner will oversee the entire water cycle, which includes operating and maintaining six water treatment plants, six purification plants, the 16,000-km water network, as well as recycled water schemes and minor capital works. The contract will last for a period of ten years and includes an optional six-year extension.

Jean-Louis Chaussade, CEO of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, commented:

"This first contract to operate and maintain water services in Australia represents a milestone for SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT. Following on from the desalination plant in Melbourne, this new contract strengthens our position in the Australian water market and is in line with our long-term partnership strategy with the country's authorities. The Government of South Australia's trust demonstrates the Group's ability to offer expertise adapted to the State's water issues and to deliver on its commitments to transparency and efficient in these ambitious projects, in a true spirit of partnership."

The contract will start July 2011.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, a leader in Australia's water and waste management

In Australia, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT is one the leading groups in the water and waste sector and is involved in major projects such as the desalination plant in Melbourne, which is the largest plant of its kind in the southern hemisphere, as well as the most important public private partnership contract in the desalination sector. Five percent of the group's turnover is now generated in Australia, a sector currently recording a significant growth as a result of the environmental challenges involved.

The Group, through Degrémont, supplies 20% of the continent's drinking water requirements. In Australia, Degrémont is involved in the construction and operation of desalination (Perth and Melbourne under construction), water treatment plants (Prospect) and wastewater treatment and recycling plants (Pimpama and Noosa).

With regard to waste, SITA Australia, a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, is present throughout the waste value chain providing waste collection and recycling services, constructing and managing landfills, and treating and transferring waste. SITA Australia manages the waste of 43,000 commercial and industrial clients and 3 million residents in Australia's 15 largest towns and cities.

¹ In Australia, 'alliance contracts' are a common form of public-private partnerships. They involve a sharing of risks and rewards between the operator and the client.



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 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 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 12.3 billion euros at the end of financial year 2009.

Degrémont

Within SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, Degrémont has been the world water treatment specialist for more than 70 years. Operating in more than 70 countries with 4,400 employees, Degrémont generated revenues of 1,053 million euros in 2009.

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