

PRESS RELEASE

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DEGRÉMONT, SUBSIDIARY OF SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, RENEWS THE CONTRACT TO OPERATE THE NICE CÔTE D'AZUR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR A FURTHER 10 YEARS AND A GLOBAL AMOUNT OF 100 MILLION EUROS

The Nice Côte d'Azur local authority has just awarded Degrémont a 10-year contract to operate and maintain one of the best performing wastewater treatment plants in France, the Haliotis plant in Nice. The contract will generate a global amount of 100 million euros.

Built and operated by Degrémont since 1988, this plant has a capacity of 220,000 m³/day and currently serves 650,000 inhabitants. Located on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice, the ISO 14001 certified Haliotis complex is integrated within the urban environment thanks to its specific architecture as well as its efficient odour management.

Degrémont's CEO, Rémi Lantier said: *"By renewing its confidence in us, Nice's local authority has shown that Degrémont's dual expertise as a builder and operator is a guarantee of reliability and performance. We are fully committed to Nice Côte d'Azur, to safeguarding the water resource and environment of the people of Nice."*

The quality of the plant's treatment and the know-how of its teams have ensured that, over the past 10 years, no technical incident has ever required wastewater treatment operations to be interrupted, thus contributing to protecting the environment and the Mediterranean. Nice Côte d'Azur has therefore received a maximum premium from the Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency for efficient operation.

In order to improve rainfall management and continuously protect the quality of bathing water, a 3-person team will be dedicated exclusively to monitoring the satellite tanks located along the coast in addition to the storm tanks. This real-time monitoring will guarantee the optimum management of wastewater in all weather conditions, before its return to the natural environment

Degrémont will continue to equip the plant with state-of-the-art technologies in order to reduce its environmental impact to a minimum and turn Haliotis into an exemplary plant in France. The company will also be developing a wastewater recycling system within the plant itself, which should reduce its water consumption by 148,000 m³/year and contribute further to preserving the resource.

Carbon balance monitoring will be implemented to verify the plant's environmental performance.

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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 1,520 million euros in 2010.

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