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## UNITED WATER AND THE CITY OF PONTIAC (MICHIGAN) SIGN A SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM FOR A CUMULATED REVENUE OF \$40 MILLION

**HARRINGTON PARK, New Jersey** – United Water, a SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT subsidiary, has announced the signing of a five-year contract to provide water and wastewater management services for the City of Pontiac (Michigan), near Detroit. Under this contract, United Water will provide water and wastewater management services and will be responsible for operating and maintaining the water distribution network. The contract also includes the operation and maintenance of two wastewater treatment plants as well as the rainwater and wastewater networks.

"We are very enthusiastic about the idea of working together with the City of Pontiac and providing a high-quality service for its inhabitants," stated Bertrand Camus, CEO of United Water. "We are convinced that our technical expertise in terms of operation and maintenance, combined with the skills of our staff, will enable the citizens of Pontiac to have a better quality of life."

The contract includes:

- drinking water distribution : as from 1 July, United Water will be supplying around 30,000 m<sup>3</sup> each day to 21,000 households and businesses in the City of Pontiac, i.e. approximately 70,000 inhabitants. United Water will also be providing the metering and billing service for the city's inhabitants and businesses.

- wastewater treatment: United Water will be operating two wastewater treatment plants with a capacity of approximately 100,000 m<sup>3</sup> per day, the wastewater recovery network (365 km and 5,300 road gullies) and maintaining the rainwater treatment system (200 km of pipelines; 800 collection basins).

United Water will be employing over 50 people and will post an annual revenue of approximately \$8 million, enabling the City of Pontiac to save some \$2.8 million.

United Water has extensive experience in Michigan, particularly in managing water and wastewater treatment for the cities of Portage, Alpena and Wixom. United Water supplies and distributes water for the Huron Shore Regional Utility Authority in East Tawas. United Water manages the wastewater treatment network and the wastewater treatment plants at the South Huron Valley Utility Authority of the City of Brownstown.



## About United Water

United Water is one of the main suppliers of environmental services in the United States. The company provides water and wastewater treatment services to approximately 7 million people in the United States. In addition to owning and operating 20 water utilities, the company operates more than 200 municipal and industrial water and wastewater treatment systems through innovative public-private partnerships and service contracts. Its affiliate, Utility Service Company, is the nation's leading provider of water reservoir management services under long-term contracts for municipal and industrial clients. Founded in 1869, United Water is a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT.

## About SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT:

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