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LYONNAISE DES EAUX, SUBSIDIARY OF SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, HAS RENEWED FOR A FURTHER 15 YEARS THE WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT CONTRACTS OF THE CITY OF AGDE, FOR A TOTAL OF 166 MILLION EUROS

The city of Agde has just renewed the contracts for water and wastewater treatment with Lyonnaise des Eaux, subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, for a period of 15 years and a total amount of €166 million. Through these contracts, Lyonnaise des Eaux will implement solutions aimed at improving the economic and environmental performance of the entire water management system with an increase in the processing capacity of the wastewater treatment plant, upgrading of 15 kilometres of drinking water pipes and 2,500 connections, along with the deployment of leading edge technologies aimed at protecting the resource and guarantee the quality of bathing water.

Isabelle Kocher, CEO of Lyonnaise des Eaux, declared:

"By once again placing its trust in us, the city of Agde shows that the expertise of Lyonnaise des Eaux in the area of water and wastewater treatment constitutes a guarantee of reliability and performance. We are fully committed to continuing to preserve the water resources and the environment of the inhabitants of Agde."

THE EXPERTISE OF LYONNAISE DES EAUX AT THE SERVICE OF RESOURCE PROTECTION

Lyonnaise des Eaux will also deploy innovative processes in order to respond to better water consumption management and sustainable management of the resource. Lyonnaise des Eaux is set to install an acoustic leak detection system. The data transmitted will allow leaks to be revealed and repaired in real time. The installation of 70 sensors over the network as a whole should ensure savings of almost 100,000m³ of water per year.

Lyonnaise des Eaux will also implement 12,500 individual water counters equipped with remote reading facilities by the end of 2013, an initiative that will encourage water saving. In actual fact, water consumption will be recorded continuously, allowing inhabitants to look at their consumption online and to monitor its progress in real time.

In order to encourage sustainable consumption of water, and to raise awareness of the fragile nature of the resource, Lyonnaise des Eaux schedules the installation of 7 drinking fountains and a sustainable development teaching program in primary schools, and the organization of a series of conferences about water and the environment.

STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY TO GUARANTEE THE QUALITY OF BATHING WATER

For the city of Agde, Lyonnaise des Eaux is committed to developing innovative technology such as ultrafiltration membrane, designed to improve the quality of treated water and bathing water, a major asset to day-to-day life in the city. Thanks to this procedure, treated water passes through a membrane with a porosity 10,000 times lower than that of skin, constituting a barrier against microorganisms.

This technology is accompanied by the permanent monitoring of around 19 sampling points to analyse the water throughout the year. These tools ensure compliance with the new European Directive on bathing water, planned for 2015. In the event of pollution, this directive requires local authorities to be more proactive, anticipate risks and provide greater information to the population.



Lyonnaise des Eaux

Lyonnaise des Eaux, a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, has 9,800 employees, supplies drinking water to 12 million residents and provides wastewater treatment for more than 9.3 million people in France. The company puts its customers at the heart of its concerns and bases all its activities and projects on a perspective of sustainable development. In September 2006, Lyonnaise des Eaux released its charter of 12 commitments for sustainable water management. This charter is integrated into the sustainable development policy of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT for the protection of the environment and management of energy consumption.
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SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT

Natural resources are not infinite. Each day, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) and its subsidiaries deal with the challenge of protecting resources by providing innovative solutions to industry and to millions of people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT supplies drinking water to 91 million people, provides wastewater treatment services for 61 million people and collects the waste produced by 50 million people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has 79,554 employees and, with its presence on five continents, is a world leader exclusively dedicated to water and waste management services. In 2010, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, a subsidiary owned 35.4% by GDF SUEZ, achieved revenues of €13.9 billion.

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