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SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT DESALINATION PLANT IN AUSTRALIA: SUCCESSFUL REFINANCING RESOLUTION OF LEGAL DIFFERENCES

AquaSure, in which SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT owns a 21% stake, has concluded an agreement on the refinancing of the Victorian desalination project in Australia, achieving a significant reduction in financial costs. This successful 3.7 bn AUD refinancing proves the confidence of the banks in this state of the art water infrastructure asset.

In this context, a satisfactory resolution on the legal issues related to the desalination plant construction has been obtained for SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, putting an end to the outstanding claims. As the claims are now resolved, the remaining provisions will be reversed in 2013¹.

The Melbourne facility entered into a 27-year operational contract in December 2012, and the cumulated revenue will reach 800 m EUR. This project is the world's largest public-private desalination plant with a capacity of 450,000 m³ of drinking water per day.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT is one of the leading groups in the Australian water sector. The Group is involved in a large number of projects, supplying approximately one third of Australia's population with processed drinking water.

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¹ The provisions amounted to €58 million at 31 December 2012.



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