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SITA UK, SUBSIDIARY OF SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, SIGNS €900 MILLION CONTRACT WITH WEST LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

A consortium led by SITA UK has signed a Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract with the West London Waste Authority to recover energy from residual waste over the next 25 years.

This consortium consisting of SITA UK and its partners Scottish Widows Investment Partners and the ITOCHU Corporation, will design, finance, build and operate an energy recovery plant with a capacity of 300,000 tonnes of residual municipal waste a year.

Over its duration, the contract is worth €1.7 billion¹ in total and €270 million will be invested into new infrastructure.

Under the agreement, residual waste that the 1.6 million people living in west London (Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Richmond-upon-Thames) have not been able to recycle will be transported by rail to this new Severnside Energy Recovery Centre (SERC) in South Gloucestershire, which already has planning permission.

The 34 megawatt facility will produce enough electricity to power the equivalent of 50,000 homes and could also provide heat to local businesses – further increasing its environmental performance.

This solution will enable the West London Waste Authority to divert 96 per cent of its waste from landfill and is expected to save two million tonnes of CO₂ over the duration of the contract.

Preliminary construction work should begin at Severnside in December 2013 and the facility is expected to be completed in 2016. SERC will create 53 permanent jobs once built and is expected to employ approximately 200 people during construction.

From January 2014, SITA UK will take over the operation of the two rail-linked waste transfer stations at Transport Avenue and Victoria Road, which will both be substantially modernised as part of the investment programme.

¹ *The total contract revenue is €1.7 billion including municipal and third party revenue and the sale of energy to the National Grid.*



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

“Just six months after entering into exclusive negotiations, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has once again demonstrated its ability to deliver high-quality projects to tight deadlines, the strong commitment of its teams and the desire to help everyone involved succeed.”

“This contract with the West London Waste Authority launches an investment and construction programme at Severnside set to begin in the next few months.”

Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, Chair of WLWA, said:

“A large proportion of our household waste can be recycled, and this contract will support west London’s commitment to recycle at least 50% by 2020.

This new contract provides a sustainable solution that will turn waste into energy – saving money as well as protecting the environment.”

SITA UK

SITA UK, a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, is a recycling and resource management company, which serves over 12 million people and handles 8.5 million tonnes of domestic, commercial and industrial waste each year. SITA UK provides services for over 42,000 public and private sector customers and operates a network of facilities including: recycling, composting, refuse-derived fuel production, solid recovered fuel production, wood processing, energy-from-waste and landfill. SITA UK employs over 5,500 staff and has an annual turnover in excess of £780 million. SITA UK's purpose is to protect the environment by putting waste to good use.

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 96.6 million people, provides wastewater treatment services for 66.3 million people and collects the waste produced by 50 million people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has 79,550 employees and, with its presence on five continents, is a world leader exclusively dedicated to water and waste management services. In 2012, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT generated revenues of EUR 15.1 billion.

Scottish Widows Investment Partners (SWIP)

Is a greenfield PPP funds management platform backed by corporate pension plans, private equity and global institutional investors, including the European Investment Bank. SWIP is part of Lloyds Banking Group.

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