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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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# SUCCESSFUL HYBRID BOND LIABILITY MANAGEMENT OF SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT: ISSUE OF €500 MILLION AND BUYBACK OF €300 MILLION BONDS ISSUED IN 2010

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Company successfully issued a second hybrid bond today, for an amount of €500 million.

The new bonds, accounted for as 100% equity under IFRS standards and as 50% equity by the rating agency Moody's, have an initial fixed coupon of 3.0 per cent, which will be revised for the first time six years after issuance on the basis of the 5-year swap rate, and then, every five years.

This transaction, which has been printed in favorable market conditions, is part of a liability management exercise: the funds raised are partly used for a buy-back of hybrid bonds issued in September 2010 for an amount of  $\in$  300 million. By doing so, the Group refinances the existing bonds at attractive market conditions while optimizing the company's balance sheet structure and diversifying its financing sources.

After this liability management exercise, the outstanding hybrid bonds issued by SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Company amount to €950 million.

Olivier Jacquier, *Directeur Financier Adjoint* of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Company, declared:

"The terms of this new issue - which has been warmly welcomed by investors, as shown by the demand of more than €4bn - further confirms our good credit quality.

This transaction also demonstrates one more time SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Company's ability to manage its debt in a dynamic manner and to optimize its financing costs, while keeping a solid balance sheet."

The transaction was conducted jointly by Deutsche Bank, J.P. Morgan, Barclays, BNP Paribas, Citibank, Commerzbank, Natixis, Société Générale and Unicredit.

Following approval by the *Autorité des marchés financiers*, the prospectus of the new issue will be available on the Group's website (<u>www.suez-environnement.fr</u>).

## SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT

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