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**SUEZ Energy North America Announces Completion of Ventus Acquisition and Establishes New Renewable Energy Business Division**

**Houston, TX – September 26, 2007** – SUEZ Energy North America (SUEZ Energy) today announced that it has established a new division focused on renewable energy development following the completion of the acquisition of the Canadian wind power development company Ventus Energy Inc. late last week.

Ventus, incorporated in 2003, has built a portfolio of 25 wind energy development projects in six provinces in eastern Canada, including Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador. The portfolio is believed to be one of the largest portfolios of potential wind energy projects in Canada and includes close to 2,000 MW of electricity generation in various stages of development.

Through Ventus, SUEZ Energy has secured land rights to more than 17 million acres of land for construction of its projects and has 29 MW commissioned and operating at the Norway Wind Park and West Cape Wind Energy Inc. facilities in Prince Edward Island. The wind developer also has another 80 MW under construction at the West Cape facility and has received a further 99 MW of Power Purchase Agreements under the Ontario Power Authority's Renewable Energy Standard Offer Contract Program, for which construction will commence soon.

The Ventus employees will lead wind generation development projects for SUEZ Energy as part of a newly established division SUEZ Renewable Energy NA (SRENA). SRENA will also spearhead development of biomass, hydro, and solar energy projects in North America for the company.

“SUEZ Energy welcomes the Ventus employees and looks forward to leveraging their wind development expertise to increase our presence within the renewable energy market in Canada and to expand our company's wind development into the United States,” said Zin Smati, president and chief executive officer of SUEZ Energy North America. “Renewable energy is a cornerstone of our future.”

In addition to its interests in wind and other renewable energy development, at present, SUEZ Energy is North America's third largest player in the biomass market segment of generating electricity from wood chips. The company also operates a hydro power plant in Vermont.

All these activities will now be developed and managed through the newly created Renewable Energy division.

Worldwide, SUEZ has been a longtime leader in using renewable energy sources, including hydro power, biomass, and wind. Nearly 40% of all of SUEZ's electric generation capacity produces no carbon dioxide emissions, and another 40% produces very little.

“SUEZ has a strong, global commitment to developing and operating energy facilities that demonstrate respect for the environment,” said Dirk Beeuwsaert, chief executive officer of SUEZ Energy International. “The acquisition of Ventus is an excellent example of that commitment, as it immediately contributes meaningful scale for SUEZ's wind energy development efforts in North America, and provides a vehicle for long-term organic growth in the rapidly expanding renewable energy market in this part of the world.”

### **About SUEZ Energy North America**

Based in Houston, SUEZ Energy North America, Inc. is the business unit of SUEZ Energy International responsible for managing SUEZ positions within the energy value chain in the United States, Mexico, and Canada, including electricity generation and cogeneration, natural gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG), asset-based trading and origination, and retail energy sales and related services to commercial and industrial customers.

SUEZ Energy North America owns and/or operates a total of 45 power, cogeneration, steam, and chilled-water facilities, including those in construction or development, representing a capacity of more than 5,538 MW of electricity generation, 6.4 million pounds per hour of steam, and 61,749 tons per hour of chilled water. SUEZ Energy North America's wholly owned subsidiary, Distrigas of Massachusetts, owns and operates a liquefied natural gas receiving terminal in Everett, Mass., which began operations in 1971 and currently serves most of the gas utilities in New England and key power producers, meeting approximately 20 percent of New England's annual gas demand. In addition, SUEZ Energy North America has two LNG deepwater port projects under development off the coasts of Massachusetts and Florida.

SUEZ Energy International is a business line of SUEZ, which is an international industrial and services Group that employs 140,000 people worldwide.

For more information about these companies and their activities, please visit the following Web sites:

SUEZ: [www.suez.com](http://www.suez.com)

SUEZ Energy International: [www.suezeneryint.com](http://www.suezeneryint.com)

SUEZ Energy North America: [www.suezeneryna.com](http://www.suezeneryna.com)

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