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SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT

SUEZ Environnement has its water services contracts renewed for 5 years by Mexico City

BAL-ONDEO, a joint venture by and between SUEZ Environnement and its Mexican partner Peñoles, has recently signed extensions of its service supply contracts with SACMEX, the municipal water company for Mexico City. The contracts are for 5 years, representing a cumulated sales turnover of more than 80 million Euros. They primarily relate to sales management, including bill collection, management of industrial customers and the connection of new customers.

The initial task of BAL-ONDEO in Mexico City, entrusted to it 1994, was to optimize customer management and rehabilitate the drinking and wastewater networks for nearly 5 million inhabitants. Now that that task has been successfully completed, the extension of the contracts confirms the position of SUEZ Environnement as market leader in Mexico, a country where water is a major issue for development.

These contracts are in addition to the BOT [Build, Operate, Transfer] deals worth 263 million Euros that were awarded in June to Degrémont, for the construction and operation for 20 years of a wastewater recycling plant in San Luis Potosi. Ondeo also holds, until 2023, the water and wastewater services contract for Cancun, a coastal city that hosts more than 3.5 million tourists a year. These commercial successes confirm the capacity of SUEZ Environnement to meet the needs of its customers, whether to solve issues involving water resources, to support the growth of hotel business, or to improve the quality of the services provided for consumers.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, a division of SUEZ, provides equipment and services that protect the environment and deliver the essentials of life. Its activities include drinking water production and distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, and waste treatment and recovery. Through its three international brands, Ondeo (water distribution), Degrémont (water treatment plants) and SITA (solid waste management), SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT employs over 82,900 people worldwide and in 2003, generated a turnover of 12.3 billion Euros.

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