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Press Release

SUEZ celebrates 20 years of successful partnership with NWS Holdings in China

SUEZ is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of its partnership with NWS Holdings. This partnership is at the heart of SUEZ' and NWS Holdings' development in China through their Sino French Holdings joint venture. On the occasion of this anniversary, François Loos, French Industry Minister will bestow the honor of *Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur* on Doctor Henry Cheng, President of NWS Holdings during a ceremony organized at SUEZ head office.

Gérard Mestrallet, Chairman and CEO of SUEZ, said : "For 20 years now, NWS Holdings and SUEZ have established a strong relationship through a showcase partnership benefiting both shareholders and clients in mainland China, Macao and Hong Kong. I am proud to celebrate in 2005 the 20th birthday of our partnership with NWS Holdings. We will rely upon this partnership to pursue our development in China."

SUEZ, through Sino French Holdings, is actively involved in mainland China, Macao and Hong Kong through long-term partnerships (20 to 50 years) with local authorities. The Group is today the veritable reference in the Chinese municipal and industrial water services market, and China's leading private provider of delegated water management services.

Since the middle of the 1980s, Sino-French Holdings, inspired by Jérôme Monod, former Chairman & CEO of Lyonnaise des Eaux, and Doctor Chen Yu-Tung, has managed Macao's production and distribution of electricity and drinking water, as well as its waste services. SUEZ also manages in partnership drinking water services for 16 local authorities in China, serving almost 12 million residents. In Hong Kong, via SITA, SUEZ manages two of the largest and most modern landfills in the world. Finally, since 2002, SUEZ has provided industrial and wastewater services at the largest industrial parks in the country, in Shanghai (Spark and SCIP), where it is building an incinerator for hazardous waste.

Degrémont, the worldwide water treatment plant specialist, has been present in China since the beginning of the 1970s. Since then, the company has signed close to 150 contracts to design and build water treatment plants across the country. Today, close to 20% of the urban Chinese population (approximately 250 million residents) are served by water treatment plants that were designed and built by Degrémont.

SUEZ, an international industrial Group, designs sustainable and innovative solutions for the management of public utilities, as a partner of public authorities, businesses and individuals. The Group aims to answer essential needs in electricity, natural gas, energy services, water and waste management. SUEZ is listed on the Brussels, Luxembourg, Paris, New York and Zurich stock exchanges and is represented in the major international indices: CAC 40, DJ STOXX 50, DJ EURO STOXX 50, Euronext 100, FTSE Eurotop 100, MSCI Europe and ASPI Eurozone. The Group employs 160,700 people worldwide and achieved revenues of €40.7 billion in 2004, 89% of which were generated in Europe and in North America.

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