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SUEZ expands its activity in India with a new contract to improve drinking water services in the city of Davanagere

On the occasion of the official visit to India by the French President Emmanuel Macron, today, in Delhi, Mr. Manjunath BALLARI, Commissioner of Davanagere City Corporation, and Jean-Louis CHAUSSADE, CEO of SUEZ, have signed the contract for the rehabilitation and operation of the drinking water system in the city of Davanagere. The 12-year €70 million project will ensure a constant 24/7 supply of drinking water to Davanagere's 500,000 inhabitants.

Davanagere City, one of the largest hubs for textile and agricultural products in Karnataka State, is among the 10 municipalities chosen for the “Smart Cities” program launched by the Indian government. The contract awarded to SUEZ includes rehabilitation, operation and maintenance of the three drinking water production plants with a capacity of 120 000 m³/day, the distribution system (reservoirs, house connections, water meters, valves, etc.) and the construction of a new distribution network to replace the current network, which is now obsolete.

The works, which will last four years, cover a 75km² area, including 92,000 buildings (80,000 residential and 12,000 commercial or industrial buildings) and a water distribution network of 1,200km. This works phase will be followed by an eight-year period of operation and maintenance of the water production plants and the drinking water system to ensure constant access to drinking water for a population which is currently only supplied once every three to four days. The contract also sets objectives for improving the network's performance, water quality and customer service by setting up a call centre and customer agencies to provide a personal service and efficient resolution of requests and complaints.

“SUEZ has been supporting large municipalities since 2012, including Delhi, Bangalore and, more recently, Kolkata and Coimbatore, to improve drinking water services for a rapidly-growing population. We are proud of this new contract, which illustrates the Group's commitment to providing local authorities with reliable and tailored solutions to respond to the growing challenge of drinking water access” says Jean-Louis Chaussade, CEO of SUEZ.

About SUEZ in India

The Group has been present in India for more than 30 years. It has designed and built more than 250 water and wastewater treatment plants and currently operates 25 of them. SUEZ also operates as a water services provider for major municipalities such as Bangalore, New Delhi, Kolkata and Coimbatore. Its activities contribute towards the distribution of 5 billion litres of drinking water to over 44 million people every day. The wastewater treatment services provided by the plants built and operated by the Group serve 4.8 million inhabitants. 15 million inhabitants have benefitted from SUEZ's expertise in improving the performance of water networks and distribution. SUEZ is currently the leader in water management for industry in India, particularly for the energy sector (over 100 water treatment projects completed), the Oil&Gas sector (15 out of the 21 Indian refineries benefit from SUEZ services), as well as the metals, agri-food and textiles sectors. SUEZ employs over 1200 professionals in the country.

About SUEZ

With 90,000 employees across five continents, SUEZ is a world leader in smart and sustainable resource management. We provide water and waste management solutions that enable cities and industries to optimise resource management and strengthen their environmental and economic performance, in line with regulatory standards. To meet increasing demands to overcome resource quality and scarcity challenges, SUEZ is fully committed to the resource revolution. With the full potential of digital technologies and innovative solutions, the Group recovers 17 million tons of waste each year, produces 3.9 million tons of secondary raw materials and 7 TWh of local renewable energy. It also secures water resources, delivering wastewater treatment services to 58 million people and reusing 882 million litres of wastewater. SUEZ generated a total revenue of €15.9 billion in 2017.

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