



## press release

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### **SUEZ ACQUIRES 10.85% OF ACEA FROM CALTAGIRONE CALTAGIRONE BECOMES A LONG-TERM SHAREHOLDER IN SUEZ**

In accordance with the schedule announced in July 2016, SUEZ has acquired a 10.85% stake in ACEA from the Caltagirone group<sup>1</sup>, in exchange for SUEZ new shares.

The meeting of the SUEZ Board of Directors held on 21 September 2016 confirmed the valuation of the 10.85% stake in ACEA on the basis of the report of the contribution auditor, and authorised the remuneration of this contribution by increasing the capital by 20 million new shares.

As a result of this operation, SUEZ now holds 23.33% of the capital of ACEA<sup>2</sup>, a leading Italian operator in the water, energy and environmental sector that is 51% owned by the city of Rome. Caltagirone, which received 20 million SUEZ new shares, becomes a long-term shareholder in SUEZ, holding a stake of about 3.5% of the capital that is subject to a lock-up period of four year<sup>3</sup> and having expressed its intention to possibly increase its stake in SUEZ up to 6% in the coming years.

Under the terms of the framework agreement signed in July 2016, a representative of Caltagirone will be proposed by the SUEZ Board of Directors to become a Director at the 2017 Annual Shareholders' Meeting<sup>4</sup> at the latest.

This transaction consolidates SUEZ's position on the environmental markets in Italy and strengthens its shareholder structure with a new long-term shareholder that is a major industrial player, in particular in Italy, Scandinavia and Turkey, with which SUEZ will be able to develop industrial cooperation.

ACEA is listed on the Milan stock exchange (ISIN code: IT0001207098). More about ACEA: [www.ACEA.it](http://www.ACEA.it)

#### **SUEZ**

We are at the dawn of the resource revolution. In a world facing high demographic growth, runaway urbanisation and the shortage of natural resources, securing, optimising and renewing resources is essential to our future. SUEZ (Paris SEV, Brussels: SEVB) supplies drinking water to 92 million people, delivers waste water treatment services to 50 million, collects waste produced by almost 50 million, recovers 16 million tonnes of waste each year and produces 7 TWh of local and renewable energy. With 82,536 employees, SUEZ, which is present on all five continents, is a key player in the circular economy for sustainable management of resources. SUEZ generated total revenues of €15.1 billion in 2015.

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<sup>1</sup> Represented by various companies controlled by Francesco Gaetano Caltagirone

<sup>2</sup> Directly and indirectly through its subsidiary SUEZ Italia.

<sup>3</sup> Lock-up subject to certain usual exceptions.

<sup>4</sup> which will approve the 2016 accounts.

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