

communiqué de presse

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PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SUEZ environnement AND THE CITY OF BRNO PROLONGED:

WITH A 10-YEAR CONTRACT TO OPERATE SEWERAGE FOR €320M

BVK¹ (51% city of Brno et 46 % SUEZ environnement) has been awarded a 10 year contract to operate sewerage in Brno, Czech Republic. Brno is the second largest city in Czech Republic with 400,000 inhabitants. The 10-year contract totalling €320m will be effective January 1st 2016.

The contract announced today is an extension of an existing contract, signed with the city authorities in 1999, for water and wastewater management. Brno is supplied from three water sources (Brezova I, Brezova II and VOV), each of which is of a very high quality. In 2014, 29 million cubic meters of water were distributed across the whole city's population.

BVK also operates the Modrice waste water treatment plant, which has an equivalent capacity of 510,000 inhabitants, serving the city of Brno and its surrounding communities. In 2014, the plant treated more than 36 million cubic meters of waste water.

Jean-Louis Chaussade, CEO of SUEZ environnement, says *"This new 10-year agreement to operate sewerage in the city of Brno shows the trust the municipality have placed in the partnership with the group. Czech Republic is also the heart of the Group's development activities in the field of water management in Central Europe."*

Since 1993, SUEZ environnement has been providing water and wastewater services for more than 1 million people in the country. It manages the water and wastewater services for the cities of Brno, Ostrava, Karlovy vary and its region, Sumperk and its region, and Benesov and its region. SUEZ environnement was the first international water company who started investing and operating in the water sector in the former Czech and Slovak Federative Republic (CSFR).

¹ Brněnské vodárny a kanalizace



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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 environnement (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) supplies drinking water to 92 million people, delivers wastewater treatment services to 65 million, collects waste produced by almost 50 million, recovers 14 million tons of waste each year and produces 5,138 GWh of local and renewable energy. With 80,990 employees, SUEZ environnement, which is present on all five continents, is a key player in circular economy for in the sustainable management of resources. SUEZ environnement generated total revenues of €14.3 billion in 2014.

Brněnské vodárny a kanalizace (BVK) is ranging among the biggest water companies in the Czech Republic. It operates 1380 km of water supply networks and 1200 km of sewage networks and employs 550 people. The turnover of the company reached € 65 million in 2014. The company is also operating the water and/or sewage infrastructure in 16 municipalities in the surroundings of Brno City. BVK, owned at a majority level by the city of Brno, belongs also to SUEZ environnement. SUEZ environnement has other participations in Czech Republic in the water field such as OVAK in Ostrava, Vodakva in Karlovy Vary, SPVS in Sumperk and VHS in Benesov.

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