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SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT WINS CONTRACT TO OPERATE GABAL EL ASFAR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN CAIRO, EGYPT, FOR A TOTAL OF 84 MILLION EUROS

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has won a 4-year contract worth a total of €84 million to operate and maintain two of the wastewater treatment plants at Gabal El Asfar¹ in Cairo. This contract was won in a consortium² with three Egyptian companies: DHCU, ARCOM and ICAT³. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT will be in charge of operating the facilities and their rehabilitation, a testament to the confidence that CAPW⁴ has in Degrémont's operating know-how and its international expertise in water treatment.

The rehabilitation requirement serves to ensure that the water discharged into the environment is of the highest quality, to protect the canal water near the plant and in the Nile Delta.

Located in Cairo, Gabal El Asfar is the biggest wastewater treatment facility on the east bank of the Nile. It has a processing capacity of more than 1,400,000 m³ a day, including a cogeneration plant fuelled by anaerobic sludge digestion that produces up to 65% of the power needed to run the facility.

Marie-Ange Debon, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT in charge of the International Division says: *"SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT and its Egyptian partners are delighted to bring their expertise to Cairo to improve the water of the Nile. We are proud of the confidence shown by CAPW to operate the region's biggest wastewater treatment plant."*

Through its subsidiary Degrémont, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has been present in Egypt since 1948, where it currently employs 345 people. To date, 70% of Greater Cairo's potable water is produced by facilities built by Degrémont (Fostat, Mostorod, Amerya, Ghiza, etc). In 2007, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT won the Gabal El Asfar Optimisation contract (300,000 m³/day), and in 2008 the contract to expand the Alexandria East plant (800,000 m³/day). In 2014, the Group also entered into a contract to operate and maintain the Gabal El Asfar 2A wastewater treatment plant.

¹ The Gabal El Asfar purification facility consists of three projects: Gabal El Asfar Phase 1, treating 1 million m³/day, complemented in 2007 by Gabal Optimisation, with a capacity of 300,000 m³/day, Gabal 2B with a capacity of 500,000 m³/day, and Gabal 2A, which treats 500,000 m³/day. Degrémont designed and built Gabal 2A, which it has operated since 2005.

² Of which Degrémont's stake is 20%

³ Development Housing Company for Utilities, Arab Contractors for O&M and Arab Contractors for O&M

⁴ The Construction Authority for Potable Water and Wastewater

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