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SUEZ RENEWS THE CONTRACTS TO MANAGE THE PUBLIC DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF LAON

On 9 September 2016, the town of Laon in the Aisne department in France, represented by the Senator and Mayor Antoine Lefèvre, and SUEZ, represented by Bertrand Camus, CEO of Water France, signed a 12-year renewal of the two public service contracts for water and wastewater treatment, worth €44 million.

Under the terms of the contracts, and in addition to the management of infrastructures and service delivery, SUEZ will be tasked with the following missions:

- drawing up a stronger and more modern governance charter, including a new customer satisfaction charter and access to all the contractual information,
- creating a local water brand “L’eau du Pays de Laon” that will give the service a local identity and encourage the local population to take responsibility for its resources,
- starting in 2020, operating a methanation plant producing 18Nm³/h of biogas, the equivalent of 1,500MWh/year, from wastewater treatment sludge and injecting it into the town’s main gas network.

The new contracts place a strong emphasis on the protection of water resources, the control of the service by the local authorities and consumer satisfaction.

Antoine Lefèvre, Senator and Mayor of Laon, pointed out that *“SUEZ has perfectly meet the constraints imposed by the town of Laon on investments, service quality, cost control and green energy development.”*

Bertrand Camus, CEO of Suez Water France added: *“I am delighted that the town of Loan has renewed its faith in us through this partnership, which combines the circular economy with the generation of green energy, the optimisation of facilities and the conservation of resources, and puts the consumer at the heart of the service with the creation of a local water brand.”*



With these new contracts and the waste-to-energy project, SUEZ has confirmed its ambition to offer its expertise to local authorities for the sustainable management of their resources.

SUEZ

We are at the dawn of the resource revolution. Faced with an increasing world population, growing urban development and rarefied resources, the security, optimisation and recovery of resources are indispensable to our future. SUEZ (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) supplies 92 million people with drinking water and 65 million with sanitation services, collects waste from almost 34 million people, recovers 16 million tonnes of waste per year and generates more than 7 TWh of local and renewable energy. Employing 82,536 people, SUEZ is active on five continents and a key player in the circular economy for sustainable resource management. SUEZ generated total revenues of €15.1 billion in 2015.

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