

## press release

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### SUEZ INCREASES THE DRINKING WATER PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN COLOMBO, THE CAPITAL OF SRI LANKA

The National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) of Sri Lanka has asked SUEZ to design and construct an additional phase of the Kelani Right Bank drinking water production plant, near the capital, Colombo. The aim of the contract is to double the plant's existing capacity, in order to supply the population in the north-eastern zone of the city and its surrounding area (the right bank of the Kelani River). The contract represents a total amount of EUR 168 million.

Sri Lanka has been in full economic development since the restoration of peace in 2009. In order to meet the population growth, the urbanization and the increasing demand for water, the authorities have decided to make drinking water production one of their country's priorities.

This new contract for the design and construction of the additional phase of the Kelani Right Bank plant will supply drinking water to more than 1 million persons in the North-Eastern zone of Colombo. The plant's existing capacity will double to reach 360,000 m<sup>3</sup> per day.

In order to guarantee production of high quality water, SUEZ will equip the new phase with two new degremont® technologies: Pulsatube<sup>1</sup> and Aquazur V<sup>2</sup>. These technologies will be capable of treating larger quantities of water, whilst handling the frequent variations in both quality and flowrate. Indeed, the country is regularly confronted with extreme weather events.

The contract also includes the finalization of a saline barrier to prevent seawater flowing upstream into the river and to protect water resources.

In addition, the financing of the project will be covered by a guarantee from the Coface, acting on behalf of the French state.

*"We are proud that the Sri Lankan authorities have renewed their trust in our ability to undertake this high-priority and strategic project, required to meet the city of Colombo's drinking water supply requirements. With this contract and the two others recently signed to strengthen the NWSDB's institutional capabilities and to supervise work to improve Ambatale's drinking water treatment plant, SUEZ supports the country's authorities as they reinforce and modernize their entire water infrastructure",* pointed Marie-Ange Debon, Senior Executive Vice President in charge of the International Division of SUEZ.

SUEZ has had an active presence in Sri Lanka for more than 50 years, and has built numerous drinking water production plants across the country, notably those for the cities of Kandy, Anuradhapura, Trincomalee, Negombo, Badulla, and Kurunegala. Once the new plant is completed, nearly half of all the water supply to Colombo will be treated by facilities built by SUEZ.

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<sup>1</sup> Pulsatube™: a clarifier that combines the advantages of sludge contact clarification, sludge blanket pulsation, and lamellar settling

<sup>2</sup> Aquazur™ V: a high-speed descending current open sand filter

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