## Press release





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# SUEZ EXPANDS COMMERCIAL COLLECTIONS BUSINESS IN THE UK WITH ACQUISITION OF DCW (DEVON CONTRACT WASTE)

SUEZ recycling and recovery UK has acquired DCW (Devon Contract Waste), a south west of England based independent recycling and waste management company. Less than a year after completing the acquisition of its former waste management assets, this acquisition confirms SUEZ's confidence in the UK market and strengthens its position as a global player in the waste sector.

### SUEZ's expansion in the UK market is a key step to meeting its international growth targets

As a one of the largest waste markets in the European continent, the UK is a strategic growth area for SUEZ. With the purchase of DCW, the Group is proud to reinforce its footprint in this geographic area, which forms a key part of SUEZ's international growth ambitions, with a target to reach 40% turnover from international markets by 2027.

### DCW a leading independent regional recycling and waste management company

Aligned with SUEZ's commitment to providing customers with access to resilient and innovative waste services, the acquisition of DCW expands the Group's offer in the south west of England with recycling solutions for food waste, glass, Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), and data destruction solutions.

Founded in 1989, DCW provides recycling and waste management services to its commercial customer base across Devon, Cornwall and Somerset. Employees and a fleet of 37 trucks operating out of three depots, and a transfer and sorting operation in Exeter will transfer to SUEZ.

Through this acquisition, SUEZ offers to commercial customers in the south west of England, a wider range of services, greater flexibility and a full value chain solution from collection through to recycling and energy recovery throughout its network of facilities across the region.

Sabrina Soussan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SUEZ declared: "Coming just ten months after we re-integrated the recycling and recovery UK business back into SUEZ, the acquisition of DCW is testament to our commitment to realising the opportunities presented by the UK market, a strategic growth area for us. Bringing DCW's collection and processing business into our operations provides customers with an end-to-end solution for their waste streams."

**Simon Almond, Managing Director for DCW** said: "I'm proud to have spent over a quarter of a century building DCW to become a leading independent recycling and waste management operator in the south west of England. We have been careful to find a buyer for our family business that shares our values









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and commitment to innovation and outstanding customer service - with its strong regional network, wealth of experience and commitment to enhancing the environment and adding value to the communities where it operates, SUEZ was the natural choice for taking the business forward.".

Today, **SUEZ recycling and recovery UK** employs over 6,000 people, operating across over 300 sites, and handles in excess of 10 million tonnes of waste materials every year – a significant proportion of the UK's total waste. Through collection, treatment, recycling and logistics operations, it serves more than 30,000 business customers and millions of householders throughout the country. Please visit https://www.suez.co.uk to find out more.

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### **About SUEZ:**

Faced with growing environmental challenges, SUEZ has been delivering essential services that protect and improve our quality of life for more than 160 years. SUEZ provides its customers with innovative and resilient solutions for water and waste services. With 40 000 employees across 40 countries, the Group works with customers to create value over the full lifecycle of their assets and services, and to drive their low carbon transition. In 2022, SUEZ provided drinking water for 68 million people worldwide and sanitation services for more than 37 million people. The Group generated 3.7 TWh of energy from waste and wastewater, and avoided 4 million tons of CO2 emissions. In 2022, SUEZ has generated revenues of 8.8 billion euros\*. For more information: www.suez.com Twitter @suez

\*restated on a 12-month basis.

#### **About DCW:**

DCW is a leading provider of commercial waste management services in Devon, Cornwall and central Somerset. The company collects mixed waste from its clients in a single vehicle, reducing the number of journeys made and minimising its CO2 emissions.

DCW is the first company in the south west of England to offer a Zero to Landfill solution, meaning that all materials that can be recycled, are. In addition to its Zero to Landfill service for mixed commercial waste, DCW also provides specialist waste management services such as data destruction, chemical and WEEE disposal and site clearances. DCW Polymers, as a separate business, will continue to operate run by the Almond family. Please visit www.dcw.co.uk to find out more.

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