

31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**SUEZ HELPS SRI LANKA IMPROVE ITS WATER SERVICES**

**SUEZ, through its Consulting business, has been awarded two contracts in Sri Lanka: one for the rehabilitation of the water supply system in Ambatale and another to improve the performance of water services in general. In a country facing rising water demand driven by a growing economy and rapid urbanisation, the challenge is a critical one. The two contracts have been signed for a period of three years.**

➤ **SUEZ TO SUPPORT THE INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF SRI LANKA'S NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD (NWSDB)**

SUEZ has been commissioned by the Asian Development Bank to assess the performance of NWSDB<sup>1</sup>, the aim being to improve the institutional, operating and financial performance of the agency. SUEZ will be reviewing current NWSDB structure and procedures and assisting in the development of an independent sector regulator. It will also be producing proposals for achieving management efficiencies and improving the quality of service operations.

➤ **SUEZ TO SUPERVISE THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN AMBATALE**

The NWSDB has appointed SUEZ to supervise three contracts, all of them involving work to improve the performance of the water supply system in Ambatale, west of Colombo. The works will involve pipe installation, the rehabilitation of the treatment plant pumping facilities with a view to improving energy efficiency, the construction of a reservoir in Gothatuwa and the construction of an auxiliary pumping station. The project will also involve the development of a supervisory control system to help improve the performance of the water supply system. SUEZ's task will be to ensure that the construction process complies with applicable building and safety standards. The assignment is financed by the Agence Française de Développement, which is supporting Sri Lanka in pursuing an inclusive process of sustainable development involving all stakeholders.

*"These contract wins reflect the recognition we have earned for our expertise in improving water system performances. We have been working with both public and private-sector operators in Sri Lanka for over two years now. Reducing leakage on the distribution systems will help to alleviate pressures on water resources and free up supplies for the periphery of Colombo, which, as the country's economic capital, is home to 5 million people" says Loïc Voisin, CEO of SUEZ Consulting.*

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<sup>1</sup> National Water Supply and Drainage Board

SUEZ has a previous history in Sri Lanka, in particular in the construction and supply of equipment to some of the country's water treatment plants. It also has a 25-year track record in the wider region, including studies and master plans to improve water services in the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh and the ongoing green city project for Mandalay in Myanmar.

## **SUEZ**

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