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THE SUFFOLK ENERGY-FROM-WASTE FACILITY (UK) IS OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED

- **New facility has the capacity to recover energy from 269,000 tonnes of waste per year and to generate electricity for the equivalent of 30,000 households**

Today, the SUEZ environnement group is inaugurating an energy-from-waste facility in the county of Suffolk, in the presence of the CEO of SUEZ environnement, Jean-Louis Chaussade, and the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, Clare, Countess of Euston.

In October 2010, SUEZ environnement signed a 25-year Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract to manage Suffolk County Council's residual household waste. The contract, worth £1 billion is to design, build and operate an energy-from-waste facility capable of recovering energy from 269,000 tonnes of waste per year, producing enough electricity for the equivalent of 30,000 households.

SUEZ environnement has invested £180 million in the construction of the new facility, near Ipswich in the east of England, which recovers energy from the county's residual household waste, as well as some waste from neighbouring counties. The energy content of the waste is recovered in the combustion process and used to produce electricity. The facility was built between January 2012 and December 2014, and has created 47 new permanent jobs on the site.

At the inauguration, Jean Louis Chaussade, CEO of SUEZ environnement stated: *"We are delighted to be working with the county of Suffolk, supporting its ambition to become the greenest county in the UK. Our site will allow the county to reduce its CO₂ emissions by 75,000 tonnes, while producing green energy at the same time. SUEZ environnement is positively engaged in this circular economy that preserves resources and reduces environmental impacts".*

The centre, designed by the leading international architect *Grimshaw* whose portfolio includes *Cornwall's Eden Project* as well as the redevelopment of *Paddington Station*, is designed to complement its surroundings. The site, which opened at the start of the year, has two waste processing lines and a visitor centre, which has already welcomed more than 1,000 people through the doors.

The centre currently processes 1000 tonnes of waste per day, and since December 2014, over 134,000 tonnes of waste have been processed and used to produce 87,654 megawatt

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hours of electricity. And on a site where nothing goes to waste, 4,409 tonnes of metal have been recycled and 23,711 tonnes of ash, produced in the energy production process, have been used as aggregates in local building projects.

This type of PFI (Private Finance Initiative) partnership was developed to allow British local authorities to develop alternatives to landfill and meet the requirements of European legislation. SUEZ environnement is a leading player in energy-from-waste, having been awarded one third of the available tenders, assuring the company will hold a significant position in the waste treatment market for the next 20-25 years. SUEZ environnement currently operates five energy-from-waste sites: Kirklees (136,000 tonnes per year), Teesside (two facilities with a combined tonnage of over 600,000 tonne per year), the Isle of Man (65,000 tonnes per year) and Suffolk (269,000 tonnes per year), with an additional three sites currently under construction: Cornwall (240,000 tonnes per year), Severnside, South Gloucestershire (400,000 tonnes per year) and Wilton 11 (440,000 tonnes per year).



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