

press release

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HIS MAJESTY KING MOHAMMED VI INAUGURATES THE ANTI-POLLUTION SYSTEM REALIZED BY SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT ON THE EAST COAST OF GREATER CASABLANCA

On 13 May 2015, His Majesty King Mohammed VI inaugurated the Anti-Pollution System on the East Coast of Greater Casablanca in the presence of Mohamed Hassad, Minister of the Interior, Abdelkader Amara, Minister of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment, Hakima El Haite, Delegate Minister for the Environment, Mohamed Sajid, Mayor of Casablanca and President of the Delegating Authority, the Chief Executive Officer of SUEZ environnement, Jean-Louis Chaussade, and its Deputy Chief Executive Officer in charge of the International Division, Marie-Ange Debon.

The Moroccan coastline from Casablanca to Mohammedia is one of the most industrialized in the country and generates pollution, principally due to wastewater discharges into the sea. SUEZ environnement gathered all its know-how to preserve the Greater Casablanca coastline. The Anti-Pollution System, developed by Lydec, a SUEZ environnement Moroccan subsidiary, will enable to treat 100% of the wastewater of the Greater Casablanca, completing the system already in place in the Western part of the region. In addition, the Anti-Pollution System will intercept direct discharges of wastewater on the Casablanca-Mohammedia coastline, pretreats them at the plant at Sidi Bernoussi thanks to Degrémont® technologies and know-how, and pipes them to a sea outfall.

With a total cost of EUR 130 million, this large-scale project, launched by Lydec in May 2011 and completed in May 2015, spans a distance of 24km.

Jean-Louis Chaussade stated, “*SUEZ environnement is immensely proud of this inauguration by His Majesty the King. This structuring project fully contributes to the urban and sustainable development of the economic hub of the Kingdom which can now enjoy 100% pollution control. It is proof of the Moroccan authorities’ support of SUEZ environnement’s desire for a long-term partnership with the Kingdom to preserve its resources and the environment.*”

By preserving the coast, this project will contribute to the urban rehabilitation of the city’s entire eastern coastline, beautify and revitalize the seaboard, and improve the population’s standard of living. The East Coast Anti-Pollution System will also accept wastewater from the new urban development zones, thus preventing direct discharges into the sea.

Lydec

Lydec is a public services operator that manages water and electricity distribution, wastewater and rainwater collection, public lighting for 4.2 million inhabitants of the Greater Casablanca area. Those missions were entrusted in the framework of a delegated management contract signed in 1997 by the Delegating Authority (urban municipalities of Casablanca, Mohammedia and Aïn Harrouda), the Regulatory Authority (Ministry of the Interior) and Lydec.

SUEZ environnement

We are at the dawn of the resource revolution. In a world facing high demographic growth, runaway urbanisation and the shortage of natural resources, securing, optimising and renewing resources is essential to our future. SUEZ environnement (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) supplies drinking water to 92 million people, delivers wastewater treatment services to 65 million, collects waste produced by almost 50 million, recovers 14 million tons of waste each year and produces 5,138 GWh of local and renewable energy. With 80,990 employees, SUEZ environnement, which is present on all five continents, is a key player in circular economy for in the sustainable management of resources. SUEZ environnement generated total revenues of € 14.3 billion in 2014.

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