



press release

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SUEZ INAUGURATES THE EXTENSION OF JORDAN'S LARGEST WASTEWATER PLANT

Today, the SUEZ Group and its partners inaugurated the extension of the As Samra wastewater treatment plant, in the presence of the Jordanian Prime Minister, Abdullah Ensour, the Minister of Water and Irrigation, Hazem El Nasser, and Marie-Ange Debon, Senior Executive Vice-President in charge of the International Division of SUEZ.

The As Samra plant is a key component of the strategy adopted by the Jordanian authorities to protect water resources. It treats more than 70% of the wastewater in Jordan, it is 80% energy self-sufficient and supplies 10% of the country's water resources used in agriculture.

At the inauguration, Marie-Ange Debon stated: "*We are delighted to support Jordan in its quest to protect water resources by recycling treated water for agriculture. The As Samra plant is renowned for the quality of its infrastructures, with its certifications for environmental management¹ and energy efficiency², which testify to our capacity to deliver sustainable solutions to protect the planet's resources.*"

This inauguration is part of the 25-year public-private partnership contract that was awarded, in 2012, by the Jordanian Minister of Water and Irrigation to the Samra Project Company consortium, made up of SUEZ and its partner Morganti, from Consolidated Contractors Company, for the extension of the As Samra wastewater treatment plant. The contract is worth a total of \$270 million with a \$93 million subsidy from the US Millennium Challenges Corporation (MCC) programme. It follows an initial contract, awarded in 2002 by the Ministry of Water and Irrigation to the Samra Project Company for the design, funding, construction and operation of the As Samra wastewater treatment plant. It was the first BOT (Build Operate Transfer)³ ever signed in Jordan.

The extension has increased the plant's capacity from 267,000 to 365,000 m³ per day in order to meet the needs of an estimated 3.5 million inhabitants, representing almost 35% of the country's population. The project has also helped in the development of the local community and local economy by providing employment opportunities and water to irrigate crops. The extension, which took 3 years to complete, will be operational for 22 years.

The recycling of wastewater is a key component of Jordan's water strategy. The As Samra plant is designed to produce very good quality treated water that can be recycled and optimises the use of water in agriculture and industry. The plant blends in perfectly with its environment and consumes very little energy. The upstream and downstream hydraulic turbines, working in combination with gas engines fuelled with the biogas from the sludge digestion, generate 80% of the electricity consumed by the treatment process. The remaining 20% comes from the national grid.

¹ ISO 14001

² ISO 50001

³ BOT is a type of contract that implies the full involvement of the private partner in the project management, even including responsibility for financing.



This contract further consolidates SUEZ's position in Jordan, where it has been supporting the authorities in the management of water resources since 1997. The Group has managed water distribution in the region around Amman (LEMA Co.) from 1999 to 2006, has built the water treatment plant of Wadi Mai'n, has built and now operates the wastewater treatment plant of As Samra and also operates the water production and transportation system from the South of the country to the city of Amman.

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