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## SUEZ PURSUES ITS DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA BY SIGNING NINE NEW CONTRACTS

**SUEZ has strengthened its presence in Sub-Saharan Africa by winning several new contracts in six countries for a total revenue of €56 million. Thanks to innovative solutions that are adapted to the local issues of growth and urbanisation, the Group continues to contribute to major water management projects that will supply a total of about 5 million inhabitants.**

**In Burkina Faso**, ONEA<sup>1</sup> has renewed its trust in SUEZ by awarding a contract for the construction of the 180,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d Ziga II drinking water treatment plant, receiving funding from the European Investment Bank. The plant will treat water from the Ziga dam to supply the capital, Ouagadougou, with drinking water. Under the terms of the contract, the plant will be built in 22 months and SUEZ will provide operational assistance for one year. The contract is worth €34.5 million in total, of which €16 million is for SUEZ. This new deal follows the two contracts awarded to SUEZ in 2002 and 2013 for the construction of the first phase of the Ziga station (72,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d) and its extension, Ziga I b (36,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d).

**In Kenya**, Athi Water Services has chosen SUEZ to build the first phase of the Kigoro drinking water treatment plant that will supply Nairobi. With a capacity of 142,500 m<sup>3</sup>/d, this project received funding from the French Development Agency. For the first time in Sub-Saharan Africa, SUEZ will use a water treatment technology based on flotation and then filtering (Aquazur<sup>TM</sup>) to treat water from the Thika dam. Once the plant comes on stream, SUEZ will provide technical operational assistance for two years. The contract is worth €37 million in total, of which €15 million is for SUEZ.

This new contract further consolidates SUEZ's long-standing presence in Kenya, where the Group built the Ngethu drinking water plant that supplies Nairobi back in 1994.

**In Mali**, SUEZ has won the contract for the construction of the Kabala drinking water treatment plant. With a capacity of 300,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d, this new station, receiving funding by the French Development Agency, will supply the capital, Bamako.

This contract strengthens SUEZ's presence in Mali, where the company built in 2013 the Kalabancoro drinking water station that also supplies Bamako.

Under the terms of the contract, worth €70 million, of which €17 million is for SUEZ, the plant will be built in 30 months and SUEZ will provide operational assistance for one year.

**In Ivory Coast**, SUEZ has won three drinking water production contracts for Abidjan and its surroundings as well as Odienné.

On behalf of the SODECI<sup>2</sup>, SUEZ will build the Songon drinking water plant that will supply 42,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d to the economic capital Abidjan and its surroundings, and the 80,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d Bonoua II drinking water station, on behalf of the ONEP<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> National Office for Water and Sanitation

<sup>2</sup> Ivory Coast water distribution company

<sup>3</sup> National Drinking Water Office

On behalf of the ONEP, SUEZ will also supply 4,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d of drinking water to the town of Odienné, thanks to the installation of a Degrémont compact unit (UCD®). UCDs® are compact plants that are particularly well suited to supplying drinking water to small urban or rural communities. These contracts are worth a total of €6.5 million for SUEZ.

**In Nigeria**, SUEZ has won two contracts for the construction of drinking water stations. In Lagos, SUEZ will supply a 3,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d UCD® drinking water production station to meet the needs of the EKO Atlantic City new town. Built on an artificial island in the Bay of Lagos, EKO Atlantic City will ultimately accommodate 250,000 inhabitants. In Itigidi, in Cross River State, SUEZ is also to build the extension of a drinking water treatment plant producing 4,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d. These contracts are worth a total of €1.2 million for SUEZ.

**In Benin**, SUEZ has been selected to deliver a 1,050 m<sup>3</sup>/d drinking water production plant for the city of Djougou and its surroundings by installing a UCD® unit.

Marie-Ange Debon, Senior Executive Vice President in charge of the International Division of SUEZ, declared: *"We are delighted with these new contracts that illustrate the Group's capacity to support the development of cities in Africa by providing efficient solutions to guarantee access to drinking water to a strongly growing population. The Group has been present in Africa for more than 60 years, and we intend to continue to deliver our expertise in water management to the authorities and industries, while also developing our activity in waste management, which is an increasingly important issue in Africa."*

With these new contracts, SUEZ is strengthening its presence in Africa, a promising market for the Group. SUEZ has been present in Africa since the construction of the La Djoué water treatment plant in Brazzaville in 1952, and has since built more than 500 drinking water and wastewater treatment plants in Africa.

## **SUEZ**

*We are at the dawn of the resource revolution. Faced with an increasing world population, growing urban development and rarefied resources, the security, optimization and recovery of resources are indispensable to our future. SUEZ (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) supplies 92 million people with drinking water and 65 million with sanitation services, collects waste from almost 50 million people, recovers 14 million tonnes of waste per year and generates 5,138 GWh of renewable energy. Employing 80,990 people, SUEZ is active on five continents and a key player in the circular economy for sustainable resource management. SUEZ generated total revenues of €14.3 billion in 2014.*

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