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## **Syctom entrusts SUEZ and Chantiers Modernes Construction with the transformation of the Romainville-Bobigny waste treatment center**

- **Syctom**, a major player in waste management in the Île-de-France region serving nearly 6 million inhabitants, has entrusted the **SUEZ** and **Chantiers Modernes Construction** (a VINCI Construction subsidiary) consortium with the reconstruction and operation of the **Romainville–Bobigny household waste treatment center** in Seine-Saint-Denis.
- This **€465 million, 10-year** contract includes €237 million of investment to modernize the facility, notably enabling it to receive household biowaste from the territory.
- Syctom is investing in **river transport of waste** to reduce road traffic and associated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, thanks to the construction of a river port terminal on the Ourcq Canal.
- To deliver this project, a **single-operation semi-public company** was established from the works phase, not solely for the operating phase. This structure aligns partners' interests across the entire project lifecycle.

### **A redesigned center to meet the area's new needs**

Located at the junction of the municipalities of Romainville and Bobigny, this center is one of Syctom's main waste treatment sites. The site currently receives 370,000 tonnes of residual household waste and 57,000 tonnes of packaging. The modernization of the facility aims to adapt the site to changing waste streams and to the use of modes of transport other than road transport. By 2029, the center will process up to 450,000 tonnes of waste per year, divided into 350,000 tonnes of residual household waste, 40,000 tonnes of biowaste, and 60,000 tonnes of packaging. It will make it possible to transfer up to 183,000 tonnes of waste by waterway, including a large portion of the recovered materials from packaging sorting.

### **The single-operation semi-public company including the works phase, a shared governance**

The project will be carried by a single-operation semi-public company, owned 60% jointly by SUEZ (57%) and Chantiers Modernes Construction (3%), and 40% by Syctom. The site will remain in operation throughout the construction period to ensure continuity of the public waste management service.

This innovative arrangement, the result of six months of technical and legal fine-tuning between the award of the contract in June 2025 and its signing in December, offers a replicable model for other public infrastructure projects.

### **A complete reconstruction, integrated into a redesigned site**

The project provides for the complete reconstruction of the existing facility, while preserving Romainville's iconic sorting hall, recognizable by its cable-stayed roof. This architectural feature will be integrated into a modernized complex, designed to meet the area's growing needs and adaptable to future regulatory requirements.

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The future center will be structured around four complementary hubs and five facilities:

- A **new area for receiving and transferring household waste** to Syctom's energy recovery units,
- The conversion of the current household waste transfer facilities into a **biowaste transfer center**,
- Maintaining the area dedicated to the **sorting of separately collected** household packaging,
- The creation of a **port platform connected to the Ourcq Canal**, which will enable between 165,000 and 183,000 tonnes of waste to be transferred by barge each year. Two to three barges per day (24 containers of 12 tonnes each) will replace dozens of trucks, thereby reducing road traffic and associated nuisances,
- A **Center of Excellence for Circular and Solidarity Economy**, separate from the industrial facilities, including a household waste drop-off center, a reuse center, and community spaces, which will be operated by the Est-Ensemble Territorial Public Establishment (EPT).

## A modernization with rigorous environmental and urban standards

Designed to integrate sustainably into its surroundings, the project incorporates stringent environmental measures from the construction phase onward: reducing noise and dust, remediating soils, and preserving biodiversity. The works, scheduled to last 39 months, will begin in March 2026.

Moreover, this modernization is also part of a broader urban development dynamic, notably the transformation of the Horloge (Romainville) and Écocité Canal de l'Ourcq (Bobigny) concerted development zones, thereby contributing to better integration of the site within its environment. The center's more contemporary architecture, with extensive reuse of materials, will help enhance the image of waste treatment professions, and the complete enclosure of the facilities, with an advanced air treatment system, will ensure full control of odors. Lastly, the center will feature educational spaces open to the public, including a room dedicated to waste reduction and management awareness, alongside designed viewpoints overlooking the facilities.

## A project committed to local employment and social inclusion

The single-operation semi-public company responsible for operating the site will rely on a workforce of 138 employees on permanent contracts, with 100% of existing staff retained. In addition, further recruitment will be carried out in conjunction with local job centers to strengthen access to local employment.

The project also includes a strong social dimension, with SUEZ, through its subsidiary Rebond, deploying an inclusion program representing 320,000 hours, engaging sorting operatives on integration pathways who will receive enhanced professional support and tailored supervision.

**Corentin Duprey, President of Syctom:** “*ValoEst is much more than a technical modernization project. It is an integrated and solidarity-based vision of the circular economy coming to fruition. By using a SemOp for works for the first time, we are innovating in public-private governance. By building two PEECS centers at the heart of the facilities, we affirm that waste management is a lever for territorial development and social inclusion. By prioritizing river transport, we are reducing our carbon footprint. This project embodies our environmental and social responsibility to the territories we serve.*”

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**David Lamy, Executive Vice President of SUEZ, in charge of Recycling & Recovery activities in France:** “We are very pleased to have won, alongside Chantiers Modernes Construction, this new contract to build and operate for Syctom a new, expanded and modernized treatment center in the municipalities of Romainville and Bobigny. This center which will handle up to 450,000 tonnes of waste per year, as well as the introduction of new streams such as biowaste. We thank Syctom for its trust in the transformation of this key infrastructure for waste management in Seine-Saint-Denis.”

**Sylvain SABINI, Regional Director, Chantiers Modernes Construction, in charge of industrial and functional civil engineering:** “Chantiers Modernes Construction is proud to contribute to this transformative project alongside long-standing partners Syctom and SUEZ. Beyond technical performance, this endeavor embodies a collective ambition: to provide Île-de-France with innovative waste management infrastructure that reduces environmental impacts and creates employment and inclusion opportunities. It illustrates our commitment, as a major civil engineering player, to a circular and solidarity-based economy.”

## About SUEZ:

Faced with growing environmental challenges, SUEZ has been delivering essential services that protect and improve our quality of life for more than 160 years. SUEZ provides its customers with innovative and resilient solutions for water and waste services. With 40 000 employees across 40 countries, the Group works with customers to create value over the full lifecycle of their assets and services, and to drive their low carbon transition. In 2024, SUEZ provided drinking water for 68 million people worldwide and sanitation services for 44 million people. The Group generated 8 TWh of energy from waste and wastewater. In 2024, SUEZ has generated revenues of 9.2 billion euros.

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## About Syctom:

A major public player in waste management in the Île-de-France region, Syctom innovates every day to turn waste into a resource and to optimize recovery value chains. A pillar of the circular economy and the sustainable city, it is committed, alongside its member local authorities and all stakeholders, to accelerating the ecological transition. For over 40 years, Syctom has provided the public service of treating and recovering household waste for 82 municipalities in Île-de-France, grouped into 11 member territories. Serving nearly 5.7 million inhabitants, Syctom processes 2.2 million metric tons of household waste each year and recovers them in the form of materials and energy. To do this, it operates 10 treatment units (3 energy recovery facilities, 5 sorting centers, and 2 transfer stations) and recycling centers.

## About Chantiers Modernes Construction:

A subsidiary of VINCI Construction, Chantiers Modernes Construction specializes in public works and civil engineering in Île-de-France. It brings together a broad range of expertise to design, build, or refurbish all types of projects: civil engineering structures, transport infrastructure, major industrial or functional facilities, and underground works. Backed by recognized expertise and the know-how of its 765 employees, Chantiers Modernes Construction is a key player in the Île-de-France region. The company helps reinvent the city through major urban development projects, such as those carried out as part of the Grand Paris program. To find out more: [www.chantiers-modernes-construction.fr](http://www.chantiers-modernes-construction.fr)

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