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SUEZ confirms its position as a leading player in France in the operation of Energy-from-Waste Plants through a Major New Contract in Calce (66)

Sydetom66 has awarded SUEZ and the Banque des Territoires the public service delegation contract for the operation of the waste treatment and recovery facility located in Calce, near the city of Perpignan (66). This 12-year contract, worth nearly €420 million, includes the construction and operation of three complementary waste sorting and recovery infrastructures: a new selective collection sorting centre, a new preparation centre for non-recyclable waste from waste collection centres, and the existing energy-from-waste plant. The contract is set to commence on June 30th, 2026.

SUEZ, the leading operator of energy-from-waste plants in France with 34 facilities, once again demonstrates through this project its expertise and dedication to delivering high-performance infrastructure that drives its clients' environmental transition.

Building on Sydetom66's ongoing initiatives to meet the territory's needs and in full compliance with France's Anti-Waste and Circular Economy Law (AGEC), this project will enable the local treatment of waste generated by 500,000 residents, while also handling the additional volumes during the tourist season, when the population in the area rises to nearly one million. The existing energy-from-waste plant has a capacity of 240,000 tonnes per year, while the new sorting centre will process 40,000 tonnes annually, and from 2028, the preparation centre for non-recyclable waste from waste collection centres will be able to treat up to 36,000 tonnes per year.

This new contract is part of Sydetom66's long-term investment strategy to manage locally the waste of residents in the Pyrénées-Orientales department and 18 municipalities in the Aude department.

Turning Waste into Positive Energy for the Territory

As part of a **circular economy and energy transition strategy**, the infrastructure is being redesigned by the SUEZ-Banque des Territoires consortium in partnership with local stakeholders to recycle an additional 30% of household packaging, boost energy production for the benefit of the territory, and diversify its energy mix.

The project includes the construction of a new, larger-capacity **sorting centre** built to modern standards, alongside a **preparation centre for non-recyclable waste from waste collection centres**, operated by the local company Ourry. This facility will produce a high-calorific fuel for the energy-from-waste plant.

Optimising the plant's operation will significantly increase energy output, generating **55,000 MWh of heat** for urban heating networks and **135,000 MWh of electricity** per year from 2028—enough to power the annual electricity needs of 28,125 households.

Preserving, Optimising and Diversifying Local Resources

The infrastructure transformation marks a milestone for the region, with increased energy production, local recycling of incineration bottom ash, and its commercial use by the Catalan company VAILLS as road sub-bases and fill materials.

The project's environmental impact will be carefully managed, notably through an electric vehicle fleet, which will prevent 170,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions over the course of the contract. Optimisation of the industrial processes across these three strategic infrastructures will also **save 37,000 m³ of water** annually equivalent to the consumption of a town of 900 residents.

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To ensure harmonious integration into the landscape, SUEZ and the Banque des Territoires have designed a project that is in keeping with the architecture of the existing buildings, redeveloping part of the old centre to limit the site's footprint. On a societal level, the project includes a completely redesigned visitor experience, open to local schools and associations, to raise awareness among all audiences about waste reduction and recycling.

Bruno Valiente, President of Sydetom66: *"This new contract marks a significant milestone for Sydetom66. It reflects our commitment to delivering efficient and sustainable waste management at controlled costs, while supporting local development and environmental protection. Every euro invested in this partnership with SUEZ and the Banque des Territoires will generate new local value. The Arc Iris site, established over twenty years ago, will be reinforced, and the new infrastructure will continue our longstanding approach to waste treatment while safeguarding the natural environment of our beautiful department. It has taken three years of dedicated work to produce a proposal that meets our ambitions for this emblematic site in the Catalan territory."*

David Lamy, Executive Vice-President of SUEZ, in charge of R&R activities in France: *"We decided to think collectively when developing this project. SUEZ successfully brought together all local stakeholders around a shared ambition: to create a solution genuinely adapted to local needs, drawing on our full expertise in waste recovery. This collaborative spirit is at the heart of the success of this major project and serves the public interest. I would like to thank Sydetom66 and our partners for their trust, as well as our teams for their exemplary commitment at the start of this key contract for the SUEZ group."*

Patrick Martinez, Regional Director for Occitanie at the Banque des Territoires: *"This ambitious project reflects our shared vision for a territory designed with the future in mind, a vision the Banque des Territoires supports closely. The joint proposal from SUEZ and the Banque des Territoires embodies a long-term perspective in which waste management acts as a lever to accelerate the ecological transition. Designed to minimise the environmental footprint of our activities and foster the circular economy, this project is the result of a coordinated, collective effort by our teams, who have combined their technical and financial expertise with great skill."*

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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 Sydetom66 – Turning waste into positive energy:

Created in 1996, Sydetom66 is a joint authority bringing together 12 inter-municipal bodies and a collection authority representing the 226 municipalities of Pyrénées-Orientales and 18 in Aude. Sydetom66 is responsible for the reception, transport and treatment of household waste for nearly 500,000 residents year-round, rising to over one million at the summer peak. Sydetom66 treats more than 400,000 tonnes of waste per year, with over 92% recovered through organic recovery (returned to soil), material recovery (recycling) and energy recovery (incineration).

To deliver its missions, Sydetom66 operates facilities across the entire department (12 transfer stations and 12 green-waste platforms), as well as an energy-from-waste facility (the Arc Iris site), operated by a concessionaire under a public service concession.

About Banque des Territoires:

Banque des Territoires is one of the business lines of the Caisse des Dépôts Group. It brings together in-house expertise dedicated to local areas. As a single point of entry for its clients, it works alongside all territorial stakeholders: local authorities, local public companies, social housing providers, the legal professions, businesses and financial actors. It supports them in delivering projects of public interest by offering a continuum of solutions: advisory, loans, equity investments, escrow services and banking services. By engaging with all territories, from rural areas to metropolitan centres, Banque des Territoires seeks to maximise its impact, notably on the ecological transition and on social and territorial cohesion. Its 37 local offices ensure its activities are deployed across mainland France and the overseas territories.

Acting together to develop greener, more socially cohesive territories

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