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GREATER CHALON AGGLOMERATION AWARDS SUEZ GROUP ITS PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRACT FOR DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

➤ WORTH A TOTAL OF 115 MILLION EUROS OVER 10 YEARS

On Thursday 13 June, Sébastien Martin, President of Greater Chalon agglomeration and first Vice President of Saône-et-Loire Departmental Council, and Maximilien Pellegrini, Senior Vice President of Water France at SUEZ signed new drinking water and wastewater public service delegation agreements for the agglomeration's City Centre and North districts. The new ten-year contracts, which take effect on 1 July 2019, are worth a total of 115 million euros. The Greater Chalon area now includes two main operators for the agglomeration's drinking water and wastewater public services: Greater Chalon's public company and SUEZ.

SUEZ, a committed company to the region

Mindful of the importance of managing and protecting water as a resource, the Greater Chalon agglomeration was particularly attracted to the new digital tools to protect water quality and improve leak detection that were part of SUEZ Group's proposition. The "VISIO" smart management centre in Dijon manages Greater Chalon's water and wastewater service in real time. Data from sensors placed all along the 1230km of network and at its 170 facilities (plants, boreholes, reservoirs, etc.) is analysed continuously, ensuring that maintenance work is planned and managed in an optimal way.

The new contracts will also step up the provision of local services to consumers. In addition to the customer service centre for water services in Chalon-sur-Saône, a second centre will be opening in the north of the agglomeration. Local employment will also benefit as thirteen new employees will be joining SUEZ on 1 July. The Group has also committed to creating a local diploma course in partnership with the *Union des industries et métiers de la métallurgie* (Union of Metallurgies Industries). This electromechanical training course specialised in the water business leads to a vocational baccalaureate in a sector that provides a great deal of opportunities.

Finally, SUEZ Group is also helping to implement Greater Chalon's Climate-Air-Energy plan by the achievement of carbon footprint assessments, a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the preservation of biodiversity on its facilities.

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Maximilien Pellegrini, Senior Vice President of Water France at SUEZ, said: “SUEZ is proud to support the Greater Chalon area by managing water and wastewater services for parts of the agglomeration. This renewed trust demonstrates the commitment and performance of the innovations we have been providing since 1991. As a responsible company, SUEZ is also taking concrete action to boost local employment: the diploma course we are offering is a strong indicator of this commitment.”

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