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## **SUEZ INVESTISSEMENT LOCAL, A NEW PLAYER IN LOCAL SUSTAINABLE PROJECT FINANCING**

**SUEZ and Vauban Infrastructures Partners are joining forces to create SUEZ Investissement Local, the new French player dedicated to finance projects in the water and waste industries.**

To support the environmental transition and the development of the circular economy, SUEZ and Vauban Infrastructure Partners - an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers, announce the launch of "SUEZ Investissement Local". The new venture will provide funding of €500 million for projects by 2025, in water, wastewater and waste industries (construction or renovation of drinking water and sanitation plants, waste-to-energy plants and plants specialized in the methanation of organic waste and sewage sludge...).

SUEZ Investissement Local will be the main shareholder of the concession companies carrying out the projects, and will offer customers the best possible financing terms, in particular by setting up project financing.

As part of this exclusive long-term partnership, SUEZ will bear the industrial responsibility for the construction and operation of customers' infrastructure and will thus remain the established local operator and the preferred interlocutor of local communities. Vauban Infrastructure Partners will bring its expertise in infrastructure financing and will make long-term equity investments in these projects through its investment funds.

Jean-Marc Boursier, Senior Executive VP Group in charge of the France Region and Group Chief Operating Officer, commented: *"The creation of SUEZ Investissement Local is a historic milestone in environmental infrastructures financing in France. Through this new company, we will offer even more competitive solutions to our customers by combining the SUEZ's operational excellence with Vauban's financial expertise. The time has come to urgently drive forward the ecological transition. SUEZ Investissement Local will accelerate developing green projects for municipalities. Between 2020 and 2025, the goal is to finance projects of up to half a billion euros."*

Gwenola Chambon, Chief Executive Officer of Vauban Infrastructure Partners, said *"Vauban Infrastructure Partners' ambition to invest, over the long term, in sustainable infrastructure, which is essential for the development of regions, is perfectly expressed through this new partnership. We are delighted, alongside SUEZ, to have the opportunity to deploy our strategy as an active and responsible investor at the service of local authorities and regions"*.

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### **About SUEZ**

Since the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, SUEZ has built expertise aimed at helping people to constantly improve their quality of life by protecting their health and supporting economic growth. With an active presence on five continents, SUEZ and its 90,000 employees strive to preserve our environment's natural capital: water, soil, and air. SUEZ provides innovative and resilient solutions in water management, waste recovery, site remediation and air treatment, optimizing municipalities' and industries' resource management through "smart" cities and improving their environmental and economic performance. The Group delivers sanitation services to 64 million people and produces 7.1 billion m<sup>3</sup> of drinking water. SUEZ is also a contributor to economic growth, with more than 200,000 jobs created directly and indirectly on an annual basis, and a provider of new resources, with 4.2 million tons of secondary raw materials produced. By 2030, the Group is targeting 100% sustainable solutions, with a positive impact on our environment, health and climate. SUEZ generated total revenue of €18.0 billion in 2019.

### **About Vauban Infrastructure Partners**

Vauban Infrastructure Partners is a leading Infrastructure Asset Manager focused on European core infrastructure investments. Based in Paris & Luxembourg, it employs 35 professionals working together since a decade. Vauban targets predominantly brownfield mid-market sustainable investments pursuing a long-term yield driven strategy matching the underlying nature of assets and long-term commitment to all stakeholders' interest through a strong focus on creating sustainable value. Vauban has raised €3.6 billion across 6 funds in Core infrastructure from over 40 investors within 10 different countries; and has invested in over 50 assets in transport, utilities, social & digital infrastructure across 8 different geographies. <https://vauban-ip.com/>

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