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SUEZ STRENGTHENS ITS PRESENCE IN ALGERIA WITH:

- **THE RENEWAL OF THE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES IN THE GREATER ALGIERS AREA**
- **THE EXTENSION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SUEZ CONTRACT IN ORDER TO CAPITALISE ON ITS EXPERIENCE AND BRING ABOUT LASTING IMPROVEMENTS IN WATER MANAGEMENT AND SANITATION IN ALGERIA**

SUEZ, the Algerian national water company (Algérienne Des Eaux, ADE) and the Algerian national sanitation authority (Office National de l'Assainissement, ONA) have signed an extension of the support contract for the modernisation of water and sanitation services in the Greater Algiers area for a period of 3 years. The contract covers:

- **The performance of water and sanitation services in the Greater Algiers area;**
- **Support for national operators in terms of technical expertise and the establishment of a National School of Water and Sanitation Management.**

➤ **THE RENEWAL OF THE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES IN THE GREATER ALGIERS AREA.**

The Algerian authorities have reaffirmed their confidence in SUEZ for the management of the Société des Eaux et d'Assainissement d'Alger (SEAAL), a company established under Algerian law by a joint public-private partnership involving ADE, ONA and SUEZ. Since 2006, SUEZ has been supporting SEAAL efforts to modernise water and sanitation services in the Greater Algiers area. The initial objective was to provide the 3 million inhabitants of Algiers with access to drinking water 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to significantly improve the city's sanitation service. The partnership was also based on a sharing of expertise between SUEZ and SEAAL teams. This contract, renewed for 5 years in 2011 and for 2 years in 2016, has been extended to the Tipasa Wilaya,¹ located west of Algiers, and to the Taksebt drinking water production plant, located east of Algiers, which provides a population of 5 million inhabitants with drinking water.

The new agreement, which came into effect on 1 September 2018, aims to continue the progress made over the past 12 years in Algiers. It sets new objectives for improving network efficiency, plants performance and customer satisfaction, both in Algiers and Tipasa. It also aims to maintain the transfer of technical and managerial expertise to SEAAL.

In order to achieve the new objectives, SUEZ will deploy its Aquadvanced™ solutions on drinking water networks, sanitation networks and borehole fields. Thanks to the installation of sensors (flow, pressure, etc.) placed on networks and boreholes to provide modern decision support tools, these solutions will ensure dynamic management and real-time prioritisation of operations.

¹ Algerian territorial public authority

➤ **SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL OPERATORS IN THE AREA OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL SCHOOL OF WATER AND SANITATION MANAGEMENT**

In 2006, SUEZ deployed its WIKTI² methodology for transferring know-how to the water sector in Algiers and, in 2011, its OPT (Optimizing Personal Talents) solution to provide local managers with the managerial expertise required to manage a public water and sanitation service effectively and sustainably. Since 2006, SUEZ experts have supported SEAL staff in the field on a daily basis to enhance their operational practices (leak repair, etc.), improve their managerial practices and learn modern management tools (remote control centre, groundwater and network modelling, etc.). Since 2006, more than 170,000 days of training have been provided.

On the strength of this experience, SUEZ will support national drinking water (ADE) and sanitation (ONA) operators in:

- Improving their technical performance by carrying out a diagnosis of the maturity of the professions, drawing up strategic action plans and setting up specific technical support;
- The establishment of the National School of Water and Sanitation Management and the development of training plans leading to qualifications.

About SUEZ

With 90,000 employees around the world, SUEZ is a global leader in smart, sustainable resource management. The Group provides solutions for managing water and waste that help cities and industries optimise the management of their resources and improve their environmental and economic performance while complying with current regulations. SUEZ is wholly committed to the resource revolution to counter the challenges of quality and availability. Building on the potential of digital technology and innovative solutions, the Group is able to recover 19 million tonnes of waste a year and to produce 4.3 million tonnes of secondary raw materials, as well as 6.7 TWh of local renewable energy. It also preserves water resources by providing 63.6 million people with sanitation services and reusing 882 million m³ of waste water. In 2017, SUEZ generated a turnover of €15.9 billion.

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² Water International Knowledge Transfer Initiative