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METROPOLE EUROPEENNE DE LILLE AWARDS SUEZ THE OPERATING CONTRACT FOR ITS ORGANIC RECOVERY CENTRE AND THE TRANSFER AND HANDLING CENTRE AT SEQUEDIN (NORD, FRANCE)

Métropole Européenne de Lille (MEL) urban area has awarded SUEZ, in association with ENGIE Biogas, a 9-year contract to operate its Organic Recovery Centre and the Transfer and Handling Centre at Sequedin (Nord, France). The contract, worth 76 million euros, is based on commitments regarding energy and environmental performance. From 1 January 2018, the Group supports Métropole Européenne de Lille into producing new resources from biowaste and green waste generated by over one million inhabitants.

“We will be improving performance at every level,” explained M. Debreu, Vice-President in charge of waste treatment and recovery at Métropole Européenne de Lille.

With a capacity of 108,600 tonnes a year, the Organic Recovery Centre produces compost and biogas from the metropolitan area’s organic waste. In line with circular economy principles, the compost is used to enrich farmland while the biogas is used by the city’s buses or fed into the mains gas network. Under the contract, SUEZ has committed to improving the facility’s energy performance, mainly by:

- quadrupling raw biogas production, equivalent of the annual gas consumption of 3,000 households,
- installing two charging points for electric vehicles at the facility, in order to encourage sustainable mobility and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Philippe Maillard, CEO of SUEZ Recycling & Recovery France, said, *“SUEZ Group is proud to be supporting Métropole Européenne de Lille with this new contract. The Group undertakes to promote this important facility and to pursue our commitments in terms of organic waste recovery. Our unique technical expertise in this field helps to create local recovery cycles which help to protect our resources and produce new ones.”*

SUEZ commits to increasing production of compost that meets the French NFU standard and which is intended for the farming sector, taking total production to 30,000 tonnes a year, 10% of which will be offered to inhabitants of Métropole Européenne de Lille. Keen to return organic waste to earth and encourage short distribution channels, the Group will provide this compost free of charge at the city’s waste disposal centre.

SUEZ will also help Métropole Européenne de Lille in integrating the facility into the local life by:

- ensuring effective and sustainable management of the facility's olfactory impact with a two-fold solution that combines human intervention and cutting-edge technical equipment,
- informing and receiving the public, particularly through a complete overhaul of the facility's visitor trail and educational material, providing a new visitor experience that is open to everyone.



About MEL

Working in the interests of the 90 communes it comprises, Métropole Européenne de Lille serves 1.2 million inhabitants on a daily basis. It is competent in the following key sectors: transport, housing, economy, public spaces and highways, urban planning and development, urban policy, water, sanitation, household waste, accessibility for people with disabilities, nature and quality of life, culture, sport, tourism, crematoriums. The Métropole council, led by Damien Castelain, its President since 18 April 2014, has 184 members elected by direct universal suffrage for a term of six years.

About SUEZ

With 90 000 people on the five continents, SUEZ is a world leader in smart and sustainable resource management. We provide water and waste management solutions that enable cities and industries optimize their resource management and strengthen their environmental and economic performances, in line with regulatory standards. To meet increasing demands to overcome resource quality and scarcity challenges, SUEZ is fully engaged in the resource revolution. With the full potential of digital technologies and innovative solutions, the Group recovers 17 million tons of waste a year, produces 3.9 million tons of secondary raw materials and 7 TWh of local renewable energy. It also secures water resources, delivering wastewater treatment services to 58 million people and reusing 882 million m3 of wastewater. SUEZ generated total revenues of 15.3 billion euros in 2016.

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