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## **SUEZ SELECTED TO OPTIMIZE THE RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE OF SOMERSET COUNTY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

**In the United Kingdom, the county waste management authority of Somerset - Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) - has selected SUEZ as preferred bidder to help deliver a comprehensive new recycling service across Somerset from 2020. Worth around €243 million, this ten-year duration contract will have an option to extend for a further ten years.**

Once this new contract is finalised, SUEZ will deliver the new “Recycle More” service, operating new vehicles and collecting a wide range of recycling every week, including plastic packaging.

The contract is one of the largest collection contracts in the UK, providing waste collection services to more than 250,000 households across the whole of Somerset.

*Recycle More* will expand the weekly collection of recyclable<sup>1</sup> waste to include new materials, including plastic pots, tubs and trays; Tetra Paks and other food and drink cartons; small electrical items; and household batteries. By collecting the majority of recyclable household material each week, *Recycle More* will reduce the volume of left-over general rubbish in residents’ bins, which will subsequently be collected every three weeks. The new service will be introduced in phases over two years, starting in June 2020.

**SWP Managing Director Mickey Green said:** *“We are delighted to have found a partner that shares our vision for creating an exemplar service to make a step change in Somerset’s recycling rates. Our partnership with SUEZ will enable Somerset to continue its history of innovation, and help residents drive up the recycling rate with an optimized sorting system.”*

**CEO of SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK, David Palmer-Jones, said:** *“We are proud to have been selected by Somerset Waste Partnership to contribute to this ambitious recycling project, which illustrates our mutual commitment to a circular economy. The collection of quality materials is essential to increase recycling rates, but also to support local authorities and their residents in reducing their environmental footprint. »*

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<sup>1</sup> To date, the collection includes a dozen recyclable materials and food waste.

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