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NEW INITIATIVE IN FAVOR OF THE OCEANS PROTECTION:

➤ SUEZ STRENGTHENS ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH UNESCO

As part of the Partnerships' Forum organized by UNESCO in Paris on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 of September 2018, Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and Assistant Director General of UNESCO and Jean-Louis Chaussade, CEO of SUEZ, extended their collaboration until 2021 with a new partnership agreement in favor of the oceans protection.

Major regulator of the climate, the oceans are being threatened by an unprecedented pollution, 80% being land-based. The presence of plastics is particularly alarming – we estimate that 8 to 12 million of tons are discharged every year in the oceans. The global production of plastic rises up to 300 million of tons every year, and only a quarter of it is recycled. **As a leading player strongly engaged in the fight against oceans pollution, SUEZ is committed to continue the actions taken since 2015** and to offer solutions to reaffirm its involvement by pursuing its objective in raising awareness during World Oceans Day. Since the launch of the #suez4ocean initiative in June 2017, more than 48 waste collections have been organized in 15 countries, involving more than 1,650 oceans guardians and avoiding that 15.5 tons of waste end up in the oceans.

The new agreement strengthens the Group's collaboration in innovation and research with academics around specific topics such as oceans acidification and deoxygenation. This shared knowledge will contribute to innovations and solutions, national and local politics, education and raising awareness among citizens.

Lastly, a part dedicated to the development of scientific's knowledge regarding the oceans pollution allows to commit worldwide players in a common framework by participating in the preparation of the United Nations Decade of Oceans Science for Sustainable Development that will be launched over the 2021-2030 period.

« In just a few years, the triggered alarm about the oceans state becomes a salutary noise driving to urgent actions: global warming, pollution, coastlines' rapid urbanization leading to an unprecedented deterioration of the oceans quality – first water resource covering more than 70% of the planet. There are still many actions to implement. This new agreement will help SUEZ and the COI-UNESCO to go further regarding oceans knowledge and towards the actions to put in place for its protection », declared Jean-Louis Chaussade, CEO of SUEZ.

As a major player strongly committed to this cause, the Group already develops concrete and local solutions to preserve the water resource, to recycle and recover waste, particularly plastics, contributing to the protection of marine environments and consolidating their capacity to absorb the global warming's impact.



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 to 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 €15.9 billion in 2017.

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