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SUEZ pursues its development in Africa, supporting Angola in its challenge to facilitate access to drinking water

EPAL, the public water management company in Luanda, has signed with SUEZ Group and its partners, Mota Engil and Soares da Costa, a contract aimed at developing Bita drinking water plant in Luanda, the capital city of Angola. The contract, worth €98 million for SUEZ, includes pumping of raw water from the Kwanza river, the development of a water treatment plant over a 39-month period and 9 months of operational support.

The plant will meet the drinking water needs of the fast-growing population of Luanda, which has reached 7.5 million inhabitants, while supporting the capital city's economic development. The contract is part of a larger-scale developmental project that benefits from secure financing of the IBRD, the World Bank and BPI France.

With a capacity of 260,000 m³ per day, the plant will be one of the largest drinking water production plants built by the Group in Sub-Saharan Africa. Within the consortium, Mota Engil and Soares da Costa will manage the civil works. In addition to conducting engineering studies, providing equipment and assembling and commissioning the plant, SUEZ will be responsible for training the local teams from EPAL to ensure long-term operations. The plant will integrate SUEZ technologies such as Pulsatube™ and Aquazur® V in order to guarantee excellent water quality production. Those technologies reduce the footprint due to their compactness, optimize the treatment of micropollutants and organic matter, and are easy to operate.

Ana Giros, Senior Executive VP Group in charge of the APAC (Asia, Australia and India) and AMECA (Africa, Middle East, Central Asia) Regions commented: "This contract is a testament to our expertise in water treatment technologies as well as our experience in African infrastructure projects which is recognized by our customers, partners and international funding organizations. We would like to thank our customer for its confidence in SUEZ teams' expertise and commitment to delivering to populations. Such services are even more essential in the context of a global health crisis."

SUEZ has built several drinking water plants in Angola, including Kifangondo in Luanda, which rehabilitation was completed in 2016. SUEZ has been active in Africa since 1948, when the Group signed a contract for the development of the Sherbine drinking water plant in Egypt. The Group has built more than 500 drinking water and sanitation facilities that serve the majority of Africa's capital cities. SUEZ also manages the drinking water and sanitation services of Greater Casablanca and Algiers as well as drinking water in Senegal.



SUEZ pursues its development in Africa, supporting Angola with the development of Bita drinking water plant in Luanda.

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