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## **SUEZ SUPPORTS THE ETIA GROUP TO BECOME AN EUROPEAN LEADER IN THE PRODUCTION OF GREEN ENERGY FROM WASTE**

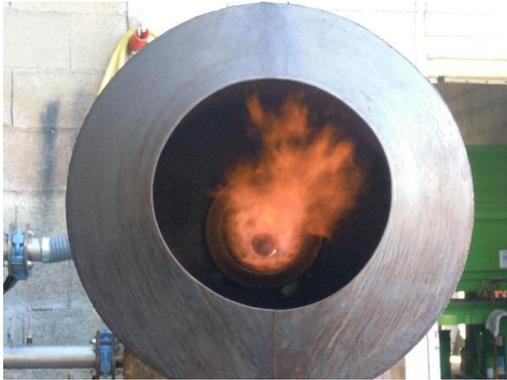
**SUEZ, through its Corporate Investment Fund SUEZ Ventures, is investing in the ETIA Group through a joint shareholding in ETIA alongside the Race For Water Foundation on one side, and in the start-up COGEBIO, alongside Demeter 3A and ETIA on the other side. The aim of these investments, totalling €4.2m, is to support the ETIA Group's development in France and internationally and to create a full range of solutions for the production of green energy.**

The market in renewable energies from biomass and waste is growing rapidly in France, Europe and internationally, particularly in the industrial sector, boosted by favourable economic and regulatory environments. Consumption of biomass for industrial heat production, for instance, has doubled in the last five years in Europe and is set to reach 20 million tonnes in 2021.

The investments in ETIA and COGEBIO will make it possible to build on the technical and commercial skills of the SUEZ Group in order to roll out a comprehensive decentralised energy production offering (using solid, gaseous and liquid fuels) from all types of biomass and dry waste (wood, sludge, plastics, Solid Recovered Fuels, etc.). These innovative processes will allow clients – industrial companies, local authorities and tertiary companies – to meet their heating and electricity needs while ensuring low emission of particulates into the air, the neutrality of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and a return on investment within three to five years.

*“These investments fit in perfectly with the strategy of SUEZ, a key player in the circular economy. They allow the Group to expand its production of green, decentralised energy by developing new ways of recovering collected and transformed waste,”* says Loïc Voisin, SUEZ Innovation, Marketing and Performance Director.

*“The joint shareholding with SUEZ Ventures not only represents a mark of confidence from a corporate fund specialising in ‘waste to energy’ issues, but also a fantastic boost for the ETIA Group in positioning itself as a leading company in the conversion of biomass and waste into high value-added products and energy,”* says Olivier Lepez, Chairman of ETIA and COGEBIO.



Cogebio's syngas burner GASFLEX



ETIA's Biogreen technology

### About ETIA

ETIA is a French engineering office and equipment supplier founded in 1989 by Olivier Lepez and Philippe Sajet, specialising in technological innovation, continuous thermal treatment processes and equipment for loose products for agro-industry and the recovery of residual biomass and waste for transformation into materials and renewable energy.

It also offers its clients recognised expertise in engineering and thermal processes.

Each project therefore combines addressing the specific needs of the client and the company's constant effort to offer it the best industrial solution to ensure its success.

This complementarity is the key to the company's success and the driving force for its growth and development, particularly internationally, where it achieves 95% of its turnover.

### About COGEBIO

COGEBIO was founded in 2011 by a group of industrial and energy professionals to offer innovative solutions for the production of heat and electricity using patented biomass and waste gasification technology and to respond to growing demand for use of recycled materials. COGEBIO, comprising a team of 10 people, launched its first industrial facility at the beginning of 2015, confirming its technology and demonstrating its economic competitiveness compared with fossil fuels, and has now obtained its second order, currently in production.

### About SUEZ

With 90,000 employees over five continents, SUEZ is a global leader in smart and 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 responds to the challenges of quality and availability by getting fully involved in the resource revolution. The potential of digital technology and innovative solutions helps the Group to recover 17 million tonnes of waste a year and produce 3.9 million tonnes of secondary raw materials, as well as 7 TWh of local renewable energy. It also preserves water resources by providing 58 million people with sanitation services and reusing 882 million cubic metres of waste water. SUEZ generated total revenues of €15.3 billion in 2016.

Founded in 2010, SUEZ Ventures is the SUEZ Group's corporate investment fund for new water and waste technologies. SUEZ Ventures supports the commercial and industrial growth of young companies that develop innovative technologies. It operates by investing in the acquisition of minority stakes in the capital. SUEZ Ventures also benefits from the Group's R&D programs.

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