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## SUEZ SUPPORTS THAILAND IN RECYCLING PLASTIC WASTE

**SUEZ will build a recycling plant that turns plastic waste into circular polymers, in Bang Phli district, near Bangkok. This plant will contribute to Thailand's ambitious 2030 target to achieve 100% plastic recycling. This new project strengthens SUEZ's presence in Southeast Asia and confirms its position as an expert in plastic recycling worldwide.**

The plant, will convert 30,000 tons per year of locally collected polyethylene film waste<sup>1</sup> into high-quality post-consumer recycled plastic (PCR). It will thus produce quality secondary materials for the plastic industry. The plant will be equipped with an advanced water treatment system that minimizes water usage and will meet the highest level of local environmental standards. Part of the energy used by the plant is powered by roof top solar panels further improving the site's environmental footprint. Construction works are expected to be completed by mid-2020.

*"In Thailand two million tons of plastic waste are produced per year and only a quarter is recycled. As a leader in plastics recycling in Europe, SUEZ will fully utilize its technological expertise to support the country in meeting its objective of reducing plastic waste, thus contributing to oceans' preservation."* said Ana Giros, Senior Executive VP Group in charge of the International Division.

Plastics recycling is a key market for SUEZ. Each year, the Group processes near 400,000 tons of plastic waste in 9 specialist facilities in Europe and produces 150,000 tons of circular polymers. SUEZ is also among the founding members of the Alliance to End Plastic Waste, an international initiative launched in January 2019 to end plastic waste in the environment, especially in the ocean.

This new plant is part of the Group's development strategy in Southeast Asia, where it has been supporting regional countries in improving their drinking water, sanitation and waste management services in response to a rapidly growing population. Since 2017, SUEZ has won the contracts to build an industrial waste-to-energy plant in Thailand, extend the Medan drinking water production plant in Indonesia and enhancing sanitation services in Vietnam's southern province of Hau Giang.



3D scheme of SUEZ's circular polymer plant, located in the Bang Phli district near Bangkok, Thailand.

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<sup>1</sup> Low-density polyethylene (LDPE) and linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE) plastic film waste

## **SUEZ in Asia**

*SUEZ has been present for over 60 years in South East Asia and 40 years in Greater China in water and waste management. With over 9,000 employees and over 70 water and waste projects with local partners, SUEZ is helping authorities and industries develop innovative solutions to address climate change and sustainable resource management. The Group built over 460 water and wastewater treatment plants in Asia, supplying drinking water to 20 million people. It operates China's first PPP water contract in Macau and Mainland China's first water concession in Chongqing. It is also the leader of waste management in Hong Kong and delivers its expertise in the management of environmental services to 13 industrial parks in Mainland China.*

## **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 m<sup>3</sup> of wastewater. SUEZ generated total revenues of 17.3 billion euros in 2018.*

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