Press release

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SUEZ wins a new contract in Kochi City (India) to upgrade water production and distribution services

The State Government owned Kerala Water Authority (KWA), responsible for the development and regulation of water supply and wastewater management in the southern Indian state of Kerala, awarded SUEZ the contract for Kochi City water supply system upgrade, operations and maintenance, under its Kerala Urban Water Services Improvement Programme (KUWSIP). This performance-based contract is jointly financed by the Asian Development Bank and the Government of Kerala for the water distribution network upgradation which includes the operation and maintenance for 10 years.

SUEZ will support the Kerala Water Authority to optimize water production and distribution services in Kochi City to enhance water availability and water quality, for nearly 700,000 people. Covering approximately 95 sq. km. within the Kochi Municipal Corporation, the contract includes 146,500 service connections to increase access to water, the replacement of dilapidated water distribution network to achieve 24hx7d pressurised water supply and reduce Non-Revenue Water losses to 20% to comply with national service level benchmarks.

The reduction in water loss will contribute to sustainable water resource management, ensuring long-term resilience of Kochi's water supply infrastructure while aligning with India's larger environmental and sustainability goals.

SUEZ will deploy modern technologies such as remote water meter-reading for industrial and commercial consumers, real-time operational performance monitoring system (RoPES) developed by SUEZ, and system monitoring and control via SCADA to increase operational efficiency and resilience. Under this contract, SUEZ will undertake routine operations of the water supply system, preventive and reactive maintenance, active leak detection and repair, and complaint management services, while KWA will continue to manage meter reading, billing, and revenue collection.

"*This initiative is a step toward securing 24/7 access to safe and reliable drinking water for the people of Kochi. It reflects our commitment to improving everyday life through better water services.*", said **Mr. Jeevan Babu K. IAS, Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority (KWA)**.

"*We are proud to be associated with the Kerala Water Authority, a State-owned PSU, for the implementation of this landmark project in the city of Kochi. Having successfully implemented and managed water treatment plants in Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode in the state of Kerala for over a decade, this new partnership strengthens SUEZ's legacy in India. It further demonstrates our commitment to delivering technically sound and customer-focused solutions that ensure continuous access to safe and high-quality drinking water for urban populations.*", said **Mr. Rasmi Ranjan Ray, CEO of SUEZ in India**.

About SUEZ:

Faced with growing environmental challenges, SUEZ has been delivering essential services that protect and improve our quality of life for more than 160 years. SUEZ provides its customers with innovative and resilient solutions for water and waste services. With 40 000 employees across 40 countries, the Group works with customers to create value over the full lifecycle of their assets and services, and to drive their low carbon transition. In 2024, SUEZ provided drinking water for 68 million people worldwide and sanitation services for 44 million people. The Group generated 8 TWh of energy from waste and wastewater. In 2024, SUEZ has generated revenues of 9.2 billion euros.

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