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SUEZ WINS A CONTRACT WORTH NEAR 400 MILLION EUROS TO IMPROVE THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SERVICE IN COIMBATORE, INDIA

Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation has chosen SUEZ to manage and operate the water distribution system within the entire city to ensure continuous drinking water access to its 1.6 million inhabitants. The 26-year project, worth near €400 million, is the largest water services contract won by SUEZ in India.

Coimbatore is one of the largest textiles and industrial hubs in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. The city has called upon SUEZ to improve the quality of water services and ensure permanent access to drinking water, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to its rapidly-growing population. The scope of the contract includes the optimisation, rehabilitation and operation of the entire water distribution system (reservoirs, water network, house connections, water meters, valves, etc.) which will cover an area of over 100 km² with 150,000 connections and a distribution network of 1,200km. The contract also aims to improve customer services with a state-of-the-art customer call centre and customer agencies to ensure a personalised service and faster complaints resolution.

Since winning its first contract in India to improve water supply and distribution services in the Malviya Nagar district of Delhi in 2012, SUEZ has secured a substantial market position in India, winning significant contracts for water distribution and services in major metropolitan cities including Bangalore and Kolkata. The Group's activity in India contributes to supplying 5.5 billion litres of drinking water to more than 44 million inhabitants per day.

“Population and urban growth in India, linked with economic development, has resulted in citizens' new expectations for quality services. Our longstanding experience in supplying water to cities such as Algiers, Casablanca and Chongqing, and more recently to Indian cities, enables us to guarantee continuous access to quality drinking water to the population of Coimbatore” stated Marie-Ange Debon, SUEZ Group Deputy CEO in charge of International segment.

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About SUEZ

With 90,000 employees across 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 optimise resource management and strengthen their environmental and economic performance, in line with regulatory standards. To meet increasing demands to overcome resource quality and scarcity challenges, SUEZ is fully committed to the resource revolution. With the full potential of digital technologies and innovative solutions, the Group recovers 17 million tons of waste each year, produces 3.9 million tons of secondary raw materials and 7 TWh of local renewable energy. It also secures water resources, delivering waste water treatment services to 58 million people and reusing 882 million m³ of waste water. SUEZ generated a total revenue of 15.3 billion euros in 2016.

SUEZ in India

The Group has been present in India for more than 30 years. It has designed and built more than 250 water and wastewater treatment plants and currently operates 25 of them. SUEZ also operates as a water services provider for major municipalities such as Bangalore, New Delhi and Kolkata. Its activities contribute towards the distribution of 5 billion liters of drinking water to over 44 million people every day. The wastewater treatment services provided by the plants built and operated by the Group serve 4.8 million inhabitants. 15 million inhabitants have benefitted from SUEZ's expertise in improving the performance of water networks and distribution. SUEZ employs over 1200 professionals in the country.

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