# press release





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# The Würth and SUEZ Groups join forces to facilitate the collection and sorting of companies' waste

SUEZ, global player in environmental services and Würth, multi-specialist in services and products for fastening, assembly tools and workshop consumables for professionals, are joining forces to develop a waste collection offering, directly available on the <u>e-shop</u> and via the 170 PROXI Shop points of sale of Würth Group in France, from June 5, 2021.

SUEZ supports more than 60,000 commercial customers in France with the implementation of concrete actions in favor of the circular economy (collection, sorting, treatment and waste recovery, logistics, dismantling, etc.). Digitalization of services is essential to meet environmental challenges, in particular for recycling. With this partnership, SUEZ will provide its expertise to WÜRTH, for the development of an innovative waste collection solution.

To use this new service, tradespeople and industrialists fill out an on-line estimate form, and indicate the type of waste (paper, cardboard, plastics, metal, etc.) to be collected. Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment is also covered by the offering. After receiving and assessing customer needs, the SUEZ teams make the appropriate containers available to the customer for each type of waste and ensure its collection, recycling and treatment. This system supports industrial and professional customers in complying with their sorting obligations.

Yann Vincent, Chief Executive Officer of the "Corporate Services" Business Line at SUEZ Recycling & Recovery France: "In a context where climate change and protecting the environment represent major challenges, the SUEZ Group is proud to innovate on a daily basis with its partners to offer sustainable local solutions to facilitate waste collection, sorting and recycling as is the case here with WÜRTH customers. This partnership for online collection is the first of its kind in France."

Claude Kopff, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Würth France: "The environmental commitment of the Würth Group and Würth France is linked to sustainable development. In order words, a strategy of economic development with a low environmental impact and a greater social impact. The ecological transition must be not just possible but also profitable for our customers. This is why, together with the SUEZ Group, we have implemented an innovative digital solution for sorting and recycling waste. Because, for future generations, we want to guarantee fertile soils, water quality, pure air, rich biodiversity, a sustainable climate, energy resources, etc."

Olivier Ducaroy, Commercial Director at Würth France: "Today, with the entry into force of new regulations in favor of recycling, companies are obliged to sort and recover waste and to provide proof that the waste has been treated by certified centers. "Because our best business is to support you with yours," Würth France supports customers, providing new procedures to enable them to transition to an economic model that is both profitable for them and beneficial for our planet. Würth France has joined forces with SUEZ to offer its "ORSYclage" customers a comprehensive waste management package as well as to support them in their environmental transition. This comprehensive solution will equally enable customers to optimize the budget allocated to waste management and also to promote sorting and recycling of their waste to their own customers. And, apart from the financial benefits, they are choosing to adopt a circular economy approach for their companies."

This new solution is part of a committed CSR policy. Wurth France would even like to go further, by committing to reforestation projects in France: a tree will be planted for every contract signed with each of its customers.

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#### WÜRTH

Whether it is for screws, anchors, technico-chemical products, door furniture, hardware for construction, tools, machines, automotive parts, storage or stock management systems, Würth offers the right solutions. The exacting standards Würth imposes for its products and services with its more than 3 million customers worldwide is a daily challenge which Group employees rise to. Active via more than 400 companies in 80 countries worldwide, with a headcount of more than 79,000 employees acting as qualified advisors to answer all the questions and meet all the demands of our customers.

#### Würth France

4,000 employees - More than 2,700 sales personnel - 172 PROXI Shop points of sale in France as of 02/25/2021 - 250,000 customers - 30,000 references.

### About SUEZ:

Since the end of the 19th century, SUEZ has built expertise aimed at helping people to constantly improve their quality of life by protecting their health and supporting economic growth. With an active presence on five continents, SUEZ and its 90,000 employees strive to preserve our environment's natural capital: water, soil, and air. SUEZ provides innovative and resilient solutions in water management, waste recovery, site remediation and air treatment, optimizing municipalities' and industries' resource management through "smart" cities and improving their environmental and economic performance. The Group delivers sanitation services to 64 million people and produces 7.1 billion m³ of drinking water. SUEZ is also a contributor to economic growth, with more than 200,000 jobs created directly and indirectly on an annual basis, and a provider of new resources, with 4.2 million tons of secondary raw materials produced. By 2030, the Group is targeting 100% sustainable solutions, with a positive impact on our environment, health and climate. SUEZ generated total revenue of €17,2 billion in 2020.

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