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FINALIZATION OF GREEN DEAL¹:

SUEZ AND ITS PARTNERS ARE MAKING A COMMITMENT WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE A SUSTAINABLE AVIATION BIOFUEL INDUSTRY IN FRANCE

At the World Efficiency event in Paris, five major French industrial groups—Air France, Airbus, Safran, SUEZ and Total—signed a “Green Deal” with the French government, which was represented by Nicolas Hulot, Minister for the Ecological and Solidarity Transition, and Bruno Lemaire, Minister of the Economy and Finance. This commitment will make it possible to study the economic and operational feasibility of a sustainable aviation biofuel industry in France.

The worldwide air travel industry, which is responsible for 2-3% of the earth’s human CO₂ emissions, has had ambitious goals since 2009, vowing to stabilise CO₂ emissions by 2020. The use of sustainable aviation biofuels was identified as one of the most promising methods for reducing CO₂ emissions from air travel.

This Green Deal is based on a feasibility study designed to demonstrate the economic and operational viability of consistently using French-produced, sustainable aviation biofuels. For SUEZ and its partners, this also means assessing waste reserves that can be converted into aviation biofuels, such as used cooking oil, animal fat and crop residue primarily, followed by plastics and other solid recovered fuels (SRFs).

This new and innovative partnership between the French government and these industrial giants confirms their commitment to promote the circular economy and to accelerate the establishment of a new recycling sector.

“As a global leader in sustainable resource management, SUEZ has a great deal of experience in developing new waste-to-energy industries. In 2016, we proved that it was possible to convert biogas from the sludge produced by sewage processing plants into liquid biofuels for commercial transportation services over long-distances. We are proud to be a part of this new partnership and to accept this challenge to further the energy transition”. – Jean-Marc Boursier, SUEZ Senior Executive VP in charge of the Recycling & Recovery activity in Europe.

About 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 m³ of wastewater. SUEZ generated total revenues of 15.3 billion euros in 2016.

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