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SUEZ INAUGURATES THE NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART “KELANI RIVER BANK” WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN COLOMBO, THE CAPITAL OF SRI LANKA

SUEZ is proud to announce the completion of Stage II of the Kelani River Bank (KRB2) Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The plant, with a daily capacity of 180 000 m³, was inaugurated today by the Honorable Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Mahinda Rajapaksa. With this additional phase, the plant’s existing capacity has now doubled to 360 MLD that will cater to drinking water requirements for another 1.75 million inhabitants in the North of the capital city of Colombo.

The KRB2 Water Treatment Plant showcases SUEZ’s expertise in offering sustainable water production solutions by incorporating technologies and processes that minimize energy consumption, water wastage, environmental impact, and work best as per the local climate conditions. SUEZ has equipped the plant with two advanced technologies – “Pulsatube¹” and “Aquazur² V”. The technologies can treat larger quantities of water while handling frequent variations in both quality and flow rate – the country is regularly faced with extreme weather conditions. This plant will be another milestone and reflection of the recognition SUEZ has earned for its expertise in delivering safe water across the world.

On the inauguration of the plant, the Honorable Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Mahinda Rajapaksa, said, *“It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) and SUEZ for this remarkable achievement that will provide safe drinking water to millions of Sri Lankans. The latest technologies and highest quality standards are ensuring safe and reliable supply of water for the benefit of the Sri Lankan public. This remarkable outcome is a testament to the close cooperation between the two teams on this landmark project in water treatment in Sri Lanka”.*

“Access to clean water remains a top priority for the government of Sri Lanka, and we are proud to have supported NWSDB in its efforts at scaling up safe drinking water for the residents of Colombo. I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the government of Sri Lanka, NWSDB, our employees, and the partners for their support and perseverance in the completion of the plant. SUEZ remains committed to improving water and sanitation for the inhabitants of Sri Lanka and looking forward to more such associations in the future” said Ana Giros, Senior Executive Vice President of SUEZ in charge of the APAC (Asia, Australia and India) and AMECA (Africa, Middle East, Central Asia) Regions.

The project has been delivered on time, despite the challenging pandemic situation prevailing over the last several months, and with “Zero safety incident,” reinforcing our commitment to protect the lives and health of our employees, subcontractors, customers and the populations among which we work.

SUEZ has been actively supporting the country for more than 50 years and has built numerous water treatment plants for several cities, including Colombo, Kandy, Anuradhapura, Trincomalee, Negombo, Badulla, and Kurunegala.

1 PulsatubeTM: a clarifier that combines the advantages of sludge contact clarification, sludge blanket pulsation, and lamellar settling.

2 AquazurTM V: a high-speed descending current open sand filter



Kelani River Bank (KRB2) Water Treatment Plant in Colombo (Sri Lanka)

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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 €18.0 billion in 2019.

About SUEZ in Sri Lanka:

The Group has been present in Sri Lanka for more than 50 years. It has designed and built 20 water treatment plants, contributing to the production of 800 million litres of drinking water to over 7.5 million people every day. SUEZ also offers contract management services for water distribution improvement around the capital city of Colombo. By its well-established expertise, SUEZ is recognised as a trusted partner for Sri Lankan authorities. SUEZ employs over 100 professionals in the country.

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