



## PRESS RELEASE

### **SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT CONCLUDES 20-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH NASSAU COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF WASTEWATER SYSTEM FOR US\$1.2 BILLION**

**United Water, a SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT subsidiary, will operate, manage and maintain Nassau County's (state of New York) wastewater treatment plants, pumping stations and sewers for a period of 20 years. The total value of the agreement is around US\$1.2 billion (€905 million).**

**This agreement marks a new stage in the Group's international strategy, which has significantly reinforced in North America following the award of the waste management contract for Edmonton in Canada (C\$120 million – 5 years<sup>1</sup>), and of the management contract for the largest wastewater recycling plant<sup>2</sup> in the United States in California (US\$50 million – 5 years).**

The Nassau County (New York State) sanitation network covers 1.2 million customers on Long Island. The wastewater is treated for disposal into estuaries that are close to beaches and bays that are very popular with local residents.

The local authority will invest over US\$830 million in the system in the coming years. The execution of this project will specifically enable the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy - which devastated a large part of the coast in 2012 - to be repaired, and the existing facilities to be reinforced.

Entrusting the management and operation of the wastewater systems to United Water, the local authority will be able to save US\$230 million, thanks to an improved operational efficiency and in particular to the reduction in energy consumption and chemicals, a decrease in sludge generation and production costs, but also an improved productivity of the plant. With the expertise of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, an increased use of cutting-edge technologies will also help to optimize the management of operation.

Indeed, the water management and new technology expertise provided by the Group will not only enable an improvement in the way the County's system operates and in its efficiency, but will also enable a significant decrease in its environmental impact with clean discharges to meet the most stringent standards of the New York State Environmental Protection Department.

United Water will display the operational data and live video feeds from facilities and outflow pipes on its [website](#), an industry first.

Jean-Louis Chaussade, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT'S Chief Executive Officer, made the following comments: *"We welcome this public-private partnership that creates value. This agreement marks a new stage for Nassau County, to which we are going to offer all our expertise in order to provide an exemplary service that will satisfy customers and comply*

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<sup>1</sup> In 2014, SENA Waste Services was awarded an initial contract with a value of US\$75 million for the management of two of Edmonton Waste Management Centre's main sorting and composting units, followed by a contract for a sum of US\$45 million for the management of the materials recovery facility.

<sup>2</sup> Reuse

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*with environmental regulations. This agreement is also a highlight for SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, which is confirming its international expansion and more specifically its operations in North America, following the signing of two sizeable contracts, one for water management in California and one for waste management in Canada in 2014".*

### **SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT**

*Natural resources are not infinite. Every day, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) and its subsidiaries deal with the challenge of protecting resources by providing innovative solutions to industries and to millions of people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT supplies drinking water to 97 million people, provides wastewater treatment services for 66 million people and collects the waste produced by 50 million people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has 79,549 employees and, with its presence on five continents, is a world leader exclusively dedicated to water and waste management services. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT generated total revenues of EUR 14.6 billion in 2013.*

### **UNITED WATER**

*United Water is one of the nation's leading environmental companies, providing water and wastewater services to over 5.3 million people in the United States. In addition to owning and operating 16 water and wastewater utilities, United Water operates 84 municipal and industrial water and wastewater systems through innovative public-private partnerships and contract agreements. Founded in 1869, United Water is a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT.*

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