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SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT STRENGTHENS ITS POSITION IN THE ITALIAN WATER SECTOR BY INCREASING ITS SHAREHOLDING IN ACEA

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has acquired 8.4 million shares in ACEA, representing 3.95% of the capital, thereby increasing its shareholding to 12.5%.

ACEA is the company responsible for managing water and electricity for the city of Rome and a large part of central Italy cities, and is the sector leader. It generates revenues of €3.6 billion, €1.7 billion of which is from water, serving 9 million inhabitants and with a market capitalisation of around €1.7 billion.

These shares were acquired at market value from GDF SUEZ, which sold its entire investment, thereby confirming SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's commitment to investing in Italy.

This transaction is a boost to the strategic and operational links forged over many years. The two groups share a common vision for the environment business lines and are expanding their industrial cooperation in significant areas.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT and ACEA are partners in joint ventures in Tuscany and are already working in partnership to manage water and sanitation services in Florence, Pisa, Arezzo, Siena and Grosseto for 2.5 million people, with annual revenues of €400 million.

The water market in Italy is an attractive one, which requires significant investment in sanitation and benefits from stable regulation.

In addition, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT is also active in this sector via its subsidiary, Degrémont, which draws on its 50 years of experience in the country and its construction of large water treatment facilities, such as those in Milan, Rome and Venice.

Commenting on the deal, Jean-Louis Chaussade, Chief Executive Officer of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, made the following statement: *"This transaction strengthens our strategic and operational links with the large Italian utility company ACEA. It has a leading position, an excellent asset base in Italy, first-class management and strong potential for development in the environment business lines. This friendly transaction was undertaken in harmony with the shareholders and the municipality of Rome. I am sure that it will contribute to the expansion of ACEA and that it will create value for SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT."*

This is a boost to SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's strategy of continuing to build a third pillar in the European water business, after France and Spain.

About 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 96.6 million people, provides waste water treatment services for 66.3 million people and collects the waste produced by 50 million people. With 79,550 employees, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT is a world leader exclusively dedicated to water and waste management businesses and with a presence on five continents. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT generated total revenues of EUR 15.1 billion in 2012.

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