

press release

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ARBITRATION AGAINST THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC: ARBITRATORS RULE IN FAVOUR OF SUEZ environnement

SUEZ environnement welcomes the decision taken by the ICSID (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes) on April 9th, 2015, sentencing the Argentine Republic to pay \$405 million in damages for the prejudice suffered in relation with the termination of the Aguas Argentinas water and waste water management concession contract in Buenos Aires¹.

This decision represents an important step in the process of solving this dispute. The next step consists of making sure that the ICSID's decision is implemented.

In 1993, the Group's subsidiary Aguas Argentinas was awarded the contract to manage the water and waste water management services in Buenos Aires. In 2006, the Argentine government terminated the contract.

The ICSID's decision comes after a procedure lasting several years. The ruling recognises SUEZ environnement's rights and the work done by the Group's teams to service a population of more than 8 million inhabitants, including 2 million who did not previously have access to running water and waste water management services.

SUEZ environnement

We are at the dawn of the resource revolution. In a world facing high demographic growth, runaway urbanisation and the shortage of natural resources, securing, optimising and renewing resources is essential to our future. SUEZ environnement (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) supplies drinking water to 92 million people, delivers wastewater treatment services to 65 million, collects waste produced by almost 50 million, recovers 14 million tons of waste each year and produces 5,138 GWh of local and renewable energy. With 80,990 employees, SUEZ environnement, which is present on all five continents, is a key player in circular economy for in the sustainable management of resources. SUEZ environnement generated total revenues of €14.3 billion in 2014.

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¹ The arbitration procedure was initiated by SUEZ, which has since become GDF SUEZ, and fellow shareholders in Aguas Argentinas. Before SUEZ environnement was floated on the stock exchange in 2008, it entered an agreement with GDF SUEZ on the economic transfer of rights and obligations to the benefit of SUEZ environnement related, in particular to GDF SUEZ's stake in Aguas Argentinas (and of any financial consequences of the above-mentioned arbitration procedure).