

## press release

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## SUEZ AT THE CENTRE OF INDIA'S DRIVE FOR WATER WITH SIX NEW MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT CONTRACTS WORTH A TOTAL OF €67 MILLION

Water is at the heart of the concerns of India's central government, which, in 2013, launched its second 5-year plan, called AMRUT¹, to develop essential infrastructures, including access to water and wastewater treatment. Faced with forecasts of its water consumption doubling by 2050, India has confirmed its determination to treat wastewater and protect its rivers and groundwater, which are the main sources of drinking water for millions of inhabitants. As urbanisation continues apace and water stress rises, the authorities are calling on the expertise of SUEZ. The Group has won six municipal contracts, worth a total of €67 million, with the Bangalore Water & Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and the Public Health and Engineering Department of the Rajasthani State Government in India.

SUEZ WINS THREE NEW WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS IN BANGALORE, IN THE STATE OF KARNATAKA.

SUEZ has won three new contracts, worth a total of €47 million, with the Bangalore Water & Sewerage Board (BWSSB).

SUEZ has been awarded the contract for construction and operation of two units of the TK Halli drinking water production plant, about 90km from Bangalore. The contract provides for the construction and installation of a unit producing 300 million litres of drinking water per day and the rehabilitation of an existing unit that also produces 300 million litres per day. These 30-month projects will be followed by seven years spent operating the units, amounting to a total of €20 million of revenue for SUEZ. The Group has already built two units in the TK Halli plant, which it has been operating since 2009, producing more than one billion litres of drinking water per day.

**SUEZ** has also won a contract to design, build and operate the Kengeri wastewater treatment plant, located south-west of Bangalore. Funded by the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the plant, with a capacity of 60,000m3/day, will treat the wastewater produced by more than 400,000 people.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation). In 2013, a €6 billion, 5-year programme for urban development was announced to improve basic infrastructures (water, waste, transport, parks and gardens) in 500 cities with more than 100.000 inhabitants.



The 30-month design and construction phases will be followed by a seven-year operations and maintenance contract, worth a total of €3 million.

SUEZ will also be tasked with detecting leaks in the 1,750 km distribution network in the north and east of the city, using helium gas technology. This innovative technology, developed and patented by SUEZ, is particularly well adapted to the Indian networks, which work intermittently and at low pressures. This 12-month contract, worth €4 million, was also signed with the Bangalore Water & Sewerage Board.

With a population of 12 million, the Bangalore conurbation is India's equivalent of Silicon Valley. In a region where the population and industry are both growing strongly, drinking water management and wastewater treatment are both serious challenges. With these new contracts, SUEZ now has more than 10 facilities producing drinking water and treating wastewater in the region.

SUEZ HAS WON THREE CONTRACTS TO DESIGN, BUILD AND OPERATE 150 COMPACT DRINKING WATER PRODUCTION UNITS IN THE STATE OF RAJASTHAN.

The Public Health Engineering Department of the Rajasthani State Government in India has chosen SUEZ for three contracts, worth a total of €20 million, to design, build and operate150 UCD®² in three of the state's regions: Bikaner, Hanumangarh and Sri Ganganagar. These contracts are part of the Rajasthani government's ambitious plan to extend water supplies to rural regions. The 150 units must be built over a two-year period, then operated by SUEZ for five years. The units will have a production capacity of between 500 and 3,000 m³/day. These compact units developed by SUEZ can treat all types of surface or underground water to produce drinking water to the standards of the World Health Organisation (WHO). The treated water is sourced from the Indira Gandhi irrigation canal, one of the largest in the country.

Marie-Ange Debon, Deputy Managing Director of SUEZ's International Division, declared: "SUEZ works hand in hand with the municipal authorities in India to deliver innovative technologies that allow for a made-to-measure approach adapted to local issues of water supply and wastewater treatment."

The Group has been present in India for 30 years. It has designed and built more than 200 water treatment plants all over the country and currently operates 23 of them. These plants distribute more than 5 billion litres of drinking water to more than 44 million people every day.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The UCD® (Degrémont compact units®) is a complete, self-contained station for the production of drinking water. Its modular design, compact dimensions, ease of use and performances make it the ideal multi-purpose and efficient solution.



## **SUEZ**

We are at the dawn of the resource revolution. Faced with an increasing world population, growing urban development and rarefied resources, the security, optimization and recovery of resources are indispensable to our future. SUEZ (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) supplies 92 million people with drinking water and 65 million with sanitation services, collects waste from almost 50 million people, recovers 14 million tonnes of waste per year and generates 5,138 GWh of renewable energy. Employing 80,990 people, SUEZ is active on five continents and a key player in the circular economy for sustainable resource management. SUEZ generated total revenues of €14.3 billion in 2014.

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