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FINALISATION OF FRIENDLY TAKEOVER OF AGUAS DE BARCELONA (AGBAR):

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT CREATES ITS SECOND EUROPEAN PILLAR IN ITS WATER BUSINESS

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT with the help of its historic partner CRITERIA CAIXACORP (CRITERIA) has finalised the acquisition of Aguas de Barcelona (AGBAR) initiated in October 2009. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT is using this strategic operation to create its second European pillar in its water business.

By concluding this agreement with CRITERIA, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT takes control of all AGBAR's water and environmental activities with now a 75.01% stake in the company and consolidates it fully in its accounts.

CRITERIA remains SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's strategic partner in Spain and reaffirms its confidence in AGBAR's growth prospects keeping its significant 24.03% minority holding.

Commenting on this operation Jean-Louis Chaussade, CEO of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, says: "AGBAR shares a common history with SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, and is made of the same DNA as Lyonnaise des Eaux, a bit like a Spanish twin. After more than 30 years of collaboration, Gérard Mestrallet and I are delighted that this operation has now solidified the bonds that have united us for so long with AGBAR and CRITERIA. AGBAR will retain its local roots in Spain and its head office in Barcelona and will continue to grow with SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, which will strengthen its international character with this operation."

AGBAR's consolidation into SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT makes strong business sense. It allows SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT to consolidate its positioning in attractive markets in Spain and internationally though a balanced portfolio of assets. Having sold the insurance subsidiary ADESLAS, AGBAR will be dedicated exclusively to water and environment, which is in line with SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT's strategy.

The combined advantages of AGBAR and SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT will create commercial and operational synergies that let them to share technological know-how and expertise in areas such as desalination, R&D and the management of services to municipalities.

AGBAR's Board of Directors meeting of 8 June 2010 voted Angel Simon, AGBAR's current Chief Executive Officer, to be the company's Chairman and CEO. Jean-Louis Chaussade, CEO of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, and Angel Simon also reaffirmed their joint priority to pursue AGBAR's growth both in Spain where the company is currently the market leader in water and wastewater treatment, and internationally.

Natural resources are not infinite. Each day, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) and its subsidiaries deal with the challenge to protect resources by providing innovative solutions to industries and to millions of people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT supplies drinking water to 90 million people, provides wastewater treatment services for 58 million people and collects the waste produced by 46 million people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has 65,900 employees and, with its presence on a global scale, is the world's leader exclusively dedicated to environmental services. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, a 35.4% GDF SUEZ affiliate, reported sales turnover of 12.3 billion euros at the end of financial year 2009.

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