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SUEZ Acquires the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Meishan Pickles Industrial Park in Sichuan and Assumes its Operatorship

SUEZ and its partner Sichuan Dayi Water recently completed the acquisition¹ of a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in the Meishan Pickles Industrial Park and were awarded a 30-year concession contract by the local government to provide specialised and high-quality industrial wastewater treatment services that promote the green development of the park and Meishan City.

Pickles are a hallmark and specialty industry for Sichuan Province. The Meishan Pickles Industrial Park, located on the east bank of the Min River in Sichuan, is the largest and most comprehensive and state-of-the-art pickle food processing industrial park in China, with more than 100 enterprises currently in residence. With the remarkable growth of the pickle industry came growing challenges for the local water environment. In its 14th Five-Year Plan for the Protection of the Ecological Environment, the government of Meishan City clearly stated its goal to improve the operation and maintenance of centralized treatment facilities for highly-concentrated brine from pickle processing to secure progress on pollution control in the industrial sector.

Following the acquisition, SUEZ and Sichuan Dayi Water have jointly taken over the operation and management of the first phase of the WWTP in the Meishan Pickles Industrial Park. By adopting its world-class treatment processes and managerial expertise, SUEZ provides safe, stable, and high-quality industrial wastewater treatment services to the enterprises in the park. Currently, the first phase of the WWTP has a treatment capacity of 19,800 m³/day. Subject to its development needs, a second and third phase of the project will be built, bringing the total treatment capacity to 50,000 m³/day.

Drawing on its experience and competitive strengths with industrial park management, SUEZ will significantly improve the stability and reliability of the operations of the wastewater treatment. The project will also produce alternative water to reduce water consumption. Approximately 280,000 m³ of alternative water will be generated and used as flushing water each year.

Quan Daming, Chairman of Sichuan Dayi Water, said, *“We welcome SUEZ’s involvement in the pickles park to provide specialized industrial wastewater treatment services and to promote the green development of Meishan City. We look forward to further expanding our cooperation with SUEZ to provide high-quality environmental services and jointly improve the ecological environment.”*

Francois Fevrier, CEO of SUEZ Asia, said, *“It is truly encouraging to see SUEZ and Sichuan Dayi Water joining hands for the third time to contribute to the ecological environment in Sichuan. I am confident that, based on our decade-long track record of partnership with Sichuan Dayi Water in managing municipal wastewater treatment projects in Shuangliu County, Chengdu, and Chongzhou, SUEZ is surely in a position to expand our water and waste services to customers through our resilient and innovative solutions.”*

In Sichuan, further to providing municipal and industrial wastewater treatment services, SUEZ was also awarded the largest independent sludge incineration project in Southwest China in 2022, providing safe and reliable sludge disposal services for downtown Chengdu. Additionally, in its capacity as a member of the International Advisory Board of the Chengdu Municipal Government since 2016, SUEZ has been contributing to Chengdu’s sustainable development and low-carbon transition.

¹ SUEZ and Sichuan Dayi Water Company Limited (“Sichuan Dayi Water”) together acquired a 66.7% stake in the WWTP in the Meishan Pickles Industrial Park.

SUEZ in Asia

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SUEZ was awarded a 30-year concession contract to provide industrial wastewater treatment services to Meishan Pickles Industrial Park in Sichuan, China.

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About SUEZ:

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