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SUEZ Wins Multiple Excellence Awards in China's Water Industry

Recently, SUEZ was recognised as one of the 2021 Top 10 Most Influential Water Companies in China – a flagship annual award of China's water industry. This makes SUEZ the only foreign company to have received the award each year since the award was created 19 years ago. At the same time, three SUEZ joint ventures, Macao Water, Jiangsu Sino French, and Chongqing Sino French, received the Most Socially Responsible Water Company in China designation for their exemplary performance and social impact. Among them, Macao Water and Jiangsu Sino French have been recipients of this award for 10 consecutive years since its first edition in 2012.

Additionally, five of SUEZ's water treatment infrastructure projects in China were selected as case studies on best practices in the water industry, and the Tangjiatuo wastewater treatment plant in Chongqing was also recognised by the industry as a benchmark for sophisticated operation and management of wastewater treatment.

Since its inception in 2003, the Top 10 Most Influential Water Companies in China award has been widely recognised among Chinese water companies as a credible and authoritative source, with strong industry influence. The 2021 selection attracted entries from approximately 400 water companies. SUEZ was recognised as a "Model Foreign-invested Water Company" for its innovative solutions developed over the course of nearly five decades of operations in China, its specialised water operations and management services for municipal and industrial customers, and its prominent role in unlocking the value of China's water industry and contributing to China's 2030/2060 decarbonisation goals.

Steve Clark, CEO of SUEZ Asia, said, *"Over the past 50 years of our steady growth in China, SUEZ has built solid and amicable relations with governments and industrial partners. We have developed and offered our world-class technology, operational and managerial expertise, and innovative solutions for climate change mitigation and sustainable resource management to governments and industrial customers in China. We are incredibly proud and excited to witness the rapid and dynamic growth of China's environmental industry, and I am confident that foreign companies will remain important contributors to China's sustainable development going forward. In 2022, SUEZ embarked on a new journey, one in which we have continued to prioritise business development, producing landmark solutions in water and waste management with local partners and maintaining our unwavering commitment to China's sustainable development."*

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About SUEZ

SUEZ is a major player in environmental services. For almost 160 years, SUEZ has supported local communities and industrial companies in the management of essential services such as water, waste, and air quality. As such, SUEZ produces drinking water for 66 million people worldwide, recovers 2 million tons of secondary raw materials per year, and generates 3.1 TWh of renewable energy from waste. In our ongoing management of the ecological transition and climate change challenges, SUEZ will rely on the expertise and commitment of its 35,000 employees (particularly in France, Italy, Central Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia) to offer high value-added and customized environmental solutions to all its customers. SUEZ's expertise allows, for instance, its customers to avoid the emission of 4.2 million tons of CO₂, thus improving their carbon footprint and their impact on climate. With a turnover of over EUR 7.5 billion in 2021 and backed by its expertise and capacity to innovate, SUEZ has strong growth prospects. SUEZ relies on a solid consortium of investors made up of Meridiam and GIP – with 40% stakes each – and the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations Group – with a 20% stake in the capital, including 8% held by CNP Assurances – to pursue its strategic development plans in France and internationally.

In Asia, SUEZ's journey began some 70 years ago, first in Southeast Asia before expanding to China nearly 50 years ago. With 6,500+ employees and 40+ joint ventures with local partners, SUEZ has built 600+ water and wastewater plants. The company also provides water and waste services to 20+ million people and delivers environmental services to 16 industrial parks. SUEZ manages China's first PPP water contract in Macau, operates one of Asia's largest hazardous waste treatment facilities in Shanghai, and has invested over RMB 4 billion in Chongqing. Today, SUEZ is recognised as one of the most influential companies and a service benchmark for leading the region's environmental industry.

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