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## **SUEZ Joins French President's Business Delegation to China: Launches New Contract with Local Partners to support China's Ecological Transition**

**SUEZ was part of the French business delegation that accompanied President Emmanuel Macron on his state visit to China, from 5 to 7 April. This visit will further strengthen ties between France and China, creating more opportunities for collaboration between the two countries. During this visit, witnessed by Ministers of both countries at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, SUEZ and its Chinese partners, Wanhua Chemical Group (Wanhua) and China Railway Shanghai Engineering Bureau Group (CRSH), signed a cooperation agreement for a seawater desalination project that will further expand their cooperation in the environmental sector, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.**

*"We're greatly encouraged by President Macron's visit to China, which is an excellent opportunity to strengthen environmental cooperation between France and China. As one of the first multinational environmental firms to enter the Chinese market 50 years ago, SUEZ has a long history and deep roots in China. We've proudly become a preferred partner for customers and industries here and have forged strong, long-term partnerships with municipal and industrial clients in more than 30 major cities and regions across the country. Together, we've contributed to the development of China's infrastructure and environment services industry."*

*"Today, in the presence of esteemed Ministers from both countries, SUEZ has officially signed a new and significant contract with our valued Chinese partners. SUEZ has been providing essential services to protect and enhance the well-being of people in all the regions we serve for over 160 years. I am thrilled to collaborate with Wanhua and CRSH on our Shandong project and to turn it into a new standard of excellence in Sino-French environmental cooperation. Our joint efforts are sure to boost bilateral cooperation in ecological transformation and advance China's high-quality development."* said **Sabrina Soussan, Chairman and CEO of SUEZ.**

**LIAO Zengtai, Chairman of Wanhua Chemical Group, said,**

*"I am very encouraged by the remarkable success of our cooperation with SUEZ to date. SUEZ is a great company whose expertise and excellent services have contributed to the success and development of many Wanhua projects. I expect this desalination project to become another benchmark and 'lighthouse' project."*

**WANG Jianying, Chairman of China Railway Shanghai Engineering Bureau Group, said,**

*"Today we are proud to see our tripartite cooperation deepen. Like Wanhua, we look forward to continuing our sincere, close, extensive and long-term partnership with SUEZ to achieve more outstanding results in areas such as infrastructure and environmental protection. We are confident that our cooperation will deliver greater benefits to society!"*

SUEZ and Wanhua, which is a global top 25 chemical company, worked together on four major water and wastewater treatment projects from 2017 to 2022. For the new desalination project in Penglai District, Yantai City, Shandong Province, SUEZ will design and build, for Wanhua, a 100 MLD seawater reverse osmosis (SWRO) desalination plant with the highest industrial standards. The project builds on the partners' proven track record of success and leverages the strong engineering construction capabilities of CRSH, a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Railway Company Limited. China Railway is a Fortune 500 company. While saving scarce freshwater resources, the project will increase the resilience of the local water ecosystem and enable Wanhua and its industrial partners to achieve ecological transformation.

SUEZ has 50 years of know-how in seawater desalination, having built one of the world's largest SWRO desalination plant in Australia (Victorian Desalination Plant). It subsequently accelerated the pace of expansion and cemented its position as the category leader in the Southern Hemisphere, after the development in 2006 of the desalination plant in Perth providing more than 45 billion liters of clean drinking water to over two million people per year. In China, the Penglai project in Yantai, Shandong Province, is SUEZ's largest seawater desalination project in the industrial sector worldwide and its first such project in China. This marks a breakthrough for SUEZ in the Chinese desalination market and a new step in its development strategy for China.

The new project broadens SUEZ's scope of cooperation with Wanhua and CRSH and furthers the ambition of the three partners to build a green industrial ecosystem towards sustainable development. It also speaks to the parties' commitment to working together to drive China's ecological transformation and to contribute to the shared vision of France and China.

## SUEZ in Asia

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 across Asia, SUEZ has built 600+ water and wastewater plants in the region and provides water and waste services to 25+ million people and delivers environmental services to 18 industrial parks. SUEZ is recognized as one of the most influential companies in China and a service benchmark for leading Asia's environmental industry. Today, SUEZ works with municipal and industrial customers in more than 30 major cities and regions across China, manages China's first PPP water contract in Macao, operates one of Asia's largest hazardous waste treatment facilities in Shanghai, and has invested over RMB 4 billion in Chongqing.



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*Faced with growing environmental challenges, for more than 160 years, SUEZ has been acting to deliver essential services that protect and improve the quality of life. SUEZ enables its customers to provide access to water and waste services, with resilient and innovative solutions. With its 44,000 employees present in 40 countries, the Group also enables its customers to create value over the entire lifecycle of their assets and services, and to drive their ecological transition, together with their end-users. In 2021, SUEZ produced drinking water for 66 million people worldwide and sanitation services for more than 33 million people. The Group generates 3.6 TWh of energy from waste and wastewater per year and avoided the emission of 3.8 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. In 2021, SUEZ generated revenues of 7.5 billion euros. For more information: [www.suez.com](http://www.suez.com) / Twitter @suez*

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