



PRESS RELEASE

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SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT AWARDED 130 MILLION EURO CONTRACT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF RESIDUAL HOUSEHOLD WASTE BY DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL IN THE UK

SITA UK, a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, has been awarded an eight year contract by Durham County Council worth over 130 million Euros¹ to manage 140,000 tonnes of residual household waste each year.

Under the new contract, which will start in June 2013, waste will be put to good use at SITA UK's new energy-from-waste facility in Teesside, which is currently under construction. The residual waste, which is currently landfilled, will generate enough electricity to power 17,000 homes (10 MW).

Jean-Louis Chaussade, Chief Executive Officer at SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, declared: "We are very pleased to have been appointed to work with Durham County Council to help put their residual waste to good use. This contract illustrates SITA UK's ability to advise and to provide innovative solutions enabling its customers to reduce their impact on the environment. By recovering energy from residual waste, this project fits well with the government's aspiration to reduce the amount of residual waste that is landfilled."

Don Mclure, Corporate Director, Resources at Durham County Council, said: "We are delighted to be working with SITA UK, whose innovative treatment processes will help ensure the amount of County Durham's rubbish that gets buried in the ground is kept to an absolute minimum. The Council has a target of diverting 75 per cent of household waste away from landfill by 2020 and the new contract will ensure this target will be met and exceeded, with around 90 per cent of waste diverted as the contract progresses."

This contract consolidates SITA UK's position for municipal residual waste treatment within the north east of England, where the company is currently investing in modern waste management facilities. SITA UK provides recycling and waste management services for the South Tyne and Wear Waste Management partnership, Northumberland County Council and a number of local authorities in the Tees Valley.

About SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT

Natural resources are not infinite. Each day, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) and its subsidiaries deal with the challenge of protecting resources by providing innovative solutions to industry and to millions of people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT supplies drinking water to 97 million people, provides wastewater treatment services for 66 million people and collects the waste produced by 57 million people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has 80,410 employees and, with its presence on five continents, is a world leader exclusively dedicated to water and waste management services. In 2011, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, a subsidiary owned 35,7 % by GDF SUEZ, achieved revenue of EUR14.8 billion.

¹ A four-year extension could be awarded to SITA UK which would increase the value of the contract to around 185 million Euros.

About SITA UK

SITA UK, a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, is a recycling and resource management company, generating environmental value, social value and economic value from our nation's waste. The company delivers environmentally responsible and increasingly innovative solutions for the public, local government, industry and commerce, enabling our customers to reduce their impact on the environment. SITA UK serves over 12 million people and handles more than eight million tonnes of domestic, commercial and industrial waste through a network of recycling, composting, energy-from-waste and landfill facilities. SITA UK employs over 5,500 staff and has an annual turnover in excess of £772 million.

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