

## press release

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## SUEZ EXTENDS ITS CONTRACT TO SUPPLY DRINKING WATER TO SYDNEY FOR 14 YEARS

SUEZ's contract to operate and maintain the Prospect drinking water treatment plant in Sydney has been extended.

With joint venture partner UniSuper<sup>1</sup>, the contract has been extended for 14 years, from 2021 to 2035, and is valued at approximately AUD\$1 billion.

The Prospect Water Filtration Plant is one of the world's largest water filtration plants, with a capacity to provide drinking water for up to 85% of the consumption of Sydney's population, making it one of Sydney's most critical pieces of infrastructure.

Sydney Water's Managing Director, Kevin Young, said the extension is credited to SUEZ's strong track record of operational excellence from the initial construction of the plant through to the quality of water produced.

"Sydney Water is committed to providing high quality services for its users. Thanks to the Prospect Water Filtration Plant, Sydneysiders are enjoying some of the best quality water in the world," said Mr Young.

Building on a 25-year partnership with Sydney Water, SUEZ will continue to operate the Prospect Water Filtration Plant 24 hours a day, seven days a week, filtering up to 3 million m3 of water per day.

Under the build, own, operate and transfer (BOOT) contract, ownership of the Prospect water filtration plant will transfer to Sydney Water in 2035.

Marie-Ange Debon, Group Senior Executive VP of SUEZ, in charge of the International Division, expressed the Group's enthusiasm at the idea of continuing to work with Sydney Water.

"Thanks to this new long-term partnership with Sydney Water, we are looking forward to operating the Prospect drinking water treatment plant so that it effectively meets Sydney's rising needs for water for many years to come. SUEZ is proud of the role that it is playing in Sydney by supplying quality drinking water to more than 4.8 million people. This extension confirms our already strong presence in Australia, in the management of both water and waste," comments Marie-Ange Debon.

## **About SUEZ**

We are at the dawn of the resource revolution. In a world facing high demographic growth, runaway urbanisation and the shortage of natural resources, securing, optimising and renewing resources is essential to our future. SUEZ (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) supplies drinking water to 92 million people, delivers wastewater treatment services to 65 million, collects waste produced by almost 50 million, recovers 16 million tons of waste each year and produces 5,138 GWh of local and renewable energy. With 80,990 employees, SUEZ, which is present on all five continents, is a key player in the sustainable management of resources. SUEZ generated total revenues of €15.1 billion in 2015.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prospect Water Project is a joint venture between SUEZ (51%) and UniSuper (49%)