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## **SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT WINS THE CONTRACT TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WATER PRODUCTION AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT ASSETS FOR THE CITY OF PERTH, IN AUSTRALIA**

Degrémont, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT subsidiary, and its partner Transfield Services, have been selected by the Western Australia Public Water Utility, Water Corporation, to operate and maintain the water production and wastewater treatment assets of the city of Perth, the 4th largest city in Australia.

The contract is to operate and maintain, in partnership with Water Corporation and Transfield Services, 19 water treatment plants, 14 wastewater treatment plants and 2 advanced water recycling plants as well as 13 dams. It will start in July 2012, for a period of 10 years, with a possible further extension of 5 years. The contract is valued at 294 million Euros (\$378 million AUD) over the initial term.

Degrémont, Transfield Services and Water Corporation will form an integrated alliance which will be named Aroona. The objectives of this Alliance include a strong focus on environmental performance and an improvement to the services delivered to the 1.5 million inhabitants of Perth. It will focus on delivering excellent quality water, as well as protecting water as a precious resource for Western Australia's future generations.

This new contract confirms SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT leadership in the Australian water market. The selection of Degrémont also confirms the continued confidence of Water Corporation in Degrémont's capabilities, following the construction and continued successful operation of the Perth desalination plant.

### **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 91 million people, provides wastewater treatment services for 63 million people, and collects the waste produced by close to 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.*

### **Degrémont**

*Within SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, Degrémont has been the world water treatment specialist for more than 70 years. Operating in more than 70 countries with 4,500 employees, Degrémont generated revenues of EUR1.584 million in 2011.*

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