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# SUEZ strengthens its presence in Morocco with four water and waste management new agreements

On the occasion of French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to Rabat at the invitation of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, SUEZ, a global leader in circular solutions for water and waste management, is announcing four new agreements in Morocco to optimize water resources and ensure sustainable waste management.

In a context of demographic growth and climate change, Morocco is facing recurrent situations of water stress and growing waste management challenges. Established in the country since the 1950s, SUEZ has announced four agreements to support the Kingdom's environmental transition.

**Sabrina Soussan, Chairman and CEO of SUEZ**, said: "SUEZ has been working alongside Moroccans for almost 75 years to build sustainable water and waste management infrastructures. These four new agreements demonstrate our determination to continue investing in Morocco to support the Kingdom's environmental transition. These agreements illustrate our willingness to work in partnership with Moroccan authorities and companies."

### Supporting sustainable waste management in Rabat and Kenitra

SUEZ and its partners SOMAGEC and JET CONTRACTORS announce the entry into force of the contract with the Etablissement de Coopération Intercommunale AL ASSIMA for the construction and operation of the Oum Azza waste treatment and recovery centre in the Rabat region.

This centre, which receives 850,000 tonnes of waste per year from the 13 municipalities in the Rabat-Salé area (over 2 million inhabitants), will become a "green landfill", a waste treatment centre that contributes to the circular economy. Less than half of the waste received will be landfilled (47%). The liquid residues (leachate) will be treated in an exemplary manner, in particular to produce biogas.

SUEZ also was awarded the contract **for the waste treatment and recovery centre in Kenitra**, one of the country's largest cities, with almost 500,000 inhabitants. Worth €120 million over 20 years, the contract includes the construction of a new site which will also become a "green landfill". Waste will no longer just be landfilled, but will also be recovered as local, sustainable energy. In this way, SUEZ is supporting the industrial transformation of the site by investing in infrastructure to recover the biogas produced by the fermentation of the waste.

The Kenitra centre will be SUEZ's third "green landfill" operated by SUEZ in Morocco, after Rabat and Meknes. The Meknes waste treatment and recovery centre, SUEZ's first green landfill in the country, currently produces 5,500 MWh per year making it energy self-sufficient.

## Agreements to improve the performance of water networks and support water and waste research

SUEZ has signed a memorandum of understanding with Morocco's Safari Group to create a joint venture. This company will provide Regional Multiservice Companies with innovative, digital solutions to optimise the management of water networks.

Finally, in partnership with the MAScIR Foundation, associated with Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P), SUEZ will carry out a **research programme on the treatment and recovery of organic matter.** This is a continuation of the agreement signed by the MAScIR Foundation and SUEZ

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in March 2024 to identify innovative solutions for waste treatment and recovery. The Group **will also** extend this agreement to the field of water management, and in particular to seawater desalination.

#### About SUEZ:

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