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SUEZ and IOWIZMI sign a 10-year contract for the pooling of remote reading infrastructures in France

SUEZ, a global leader in circular solutions for water and waste, and IOWIZMI, a fully-owned subsidiary of gas distributor GRDF, have signed a strategic 10-year contract. SUEZ will use the network deployed by GRDF for its 11 million smart gas meters to remotely read its water meters. The contract will simplify access for local authorities to a multiservice remote reading offer that can be deployed in all areas wishing to preserve their water resources.

With this contract, SUEZ, a leader in remote water reading with 7 million smart water meters deployed worldwide, will access GRDF's 169 MHz network to collect data from smart meters operated by the company in France. The pooling of existing infrastructure enables large-scale water management, while also optimising the economic and environmental impact of the service.

By enabling precise monitoring of water consumption, remote reading of meters is an essential tool for helping to control water consumption. SUEZ, through its Digital Solutions subsidiary, has developed ON'connect™, a digital smart metering and consumption monitoring solution that can save up to 16% on water volumes. This solution enables better leak detection, continuous monitoring of consumption and the provision of individualised advice to users.

This contract is part of the WIZE alliance, which brings together around forty companies¹. SUEZ and GRDF are founding members. The WIZE alliance promotes and facilitates the use of connectivity solutions using the 169 MHz network, which is entirely open and royalty-free, in France and internationally.

WIZE technology is a robust solution that has been tried and tested for over 10 years. It guarantees reliable, high-performance data transmission, even for hard-to-reach and buried objects. It meets the specific requirements needed for remote reading of meters and optimised resource management. Simple and quick to deploy, this technology enables high levels of performance to be achieved without installing repeaters and with a reduced number of antennas.

About SUEZ:

Faced with growing environmental challenges, SUEZ has been delivering essential services that protect and improve our quality of life for more than 160 years. SUEZ provides its customers with innovative and resilient solutions for water and waste services. With 40,000 employees across 40 countries, the Group works with customers to create value over the full lifecycle of their assets and services, and to drive their low carbon transition. In 2023, SUEZ provided drinking water for 57 million people worldwide and sanitation services for more than 36 million people. The Group generated 7.7 TWh of energy from waste and wastewater. In 2023, SUEZ generated revenues of 8.9 billion euros. For more information: www.suez.com / X @suez / LinkedIn @SUEZ.

¹ Local authorities, manufacturers, start-ups and distribution network operators.

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About GRDF:

GRDF manages the largest gas distribution network in Europe. It operates and maintains 207,000 km of networks, guaranteeing the safety of people and property. GRDF is a key player in an affordable energy transition that is firmly rooted in local communities. With a presence in more than 9,500 towns and cities, the company is a partner to local authorities, helping them to decarbonise their energy policies and promote sustainable mobility.

GRDF distributes gas to almost 11 million customers for heating, cooking and transport, from all suppliers. For each use, GRDF offers pragmatic solutions to reduce its customers' carbon footprint: sobriety, green gas, energy efficiency and high-performance equipment. The company is working to achieve 20% green gas in the networks by 2030, a target that will enable as many people as possible to benefit a renewable energy source produced in France. GRDF is the leading gas distributor to have embarked on a decarbonisation trajectory - all scopes combined and on a constant basis - in line with the Paris Agreement.

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