



## press release

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### **SUEZ SUPPORTS THE CITY OF DAVID IN PANAMA IN IMPROVING ITS WASTEWATER NETWORK**

Panama's National Institute of Water Distribution Systems (IDAAN) has chosen SUEZ to build, and then operate for five years, the new wastewater treatment network in the city of David. The project includes two contracts, worth a total of €70 million for SUEZ, covering the wastewater treatment networks in the East and West sectors of the city.

In partnership with PENTECH, SUEZ will pump and collect the wastewater and build the public wastewater treatment network. In the East part of the city, SUEZ will also build a wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of 51,840 m<sup>3</sup>/day, using proven degremont® technologies. These technologies will reduce the plant's footprint thanks to a [compact clarifier](#), decrease investments in sewage sludge thickening equipment by a factor of three to five due to a [Drainis™ Turbo](#) pre-dehydration unit and reduce the construction time, while also simplifying the operation of the sludge digestion facilities, thanks to the [Digelis™ Smart Simplex](#) methane digester.

With more than 250,000 inhabitants, David is Panama's third-largest city and the capital of Chiriquí province, an agricultural and tourist region near the Pacific coast. This project is part of the large-scale, nationwide "Proyecto de Agua y Saneamiento en Panama" (PASAP) programme, which aims to improve access to drinking water and wastewater treatment throughout the country, with a view to support local economic development and improving the quality of life of the populations, while protecting the country's biodiversity.

*"We are delighted to provide the city of David with SUEZ's expertise and know-how in the management and the optimisation of water resources. This is a new reference for SUEZ in Panama, and a new step forwards in the long-term relation that we intend to build with this country,"* highlights Ana Giros, CEO of SUEZ's Latin America Business Unit.

The Group has been present in Panama since 2008. It built the first wastewater treatment station of Panama's city, which SUEZ still operates today. In 2014, the Group won the contract to operate and maintain the capital's wastewater collection system. With this new project, SUEZ is extending its activity across the country and consolidating its presence in Central America and the Caribbean.

#### **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 waste water treatment services to 65 million, collects waste produced by almost 34 million, recovers 16 million tons of waste each year and produces 5,855 GWh of local and renewable energy. With 82,530 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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