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SUEZ Environnement receives a World Business Award for its contribution to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals

SUEZ Environnement has been recompensed with a World Business Award, the first international prize to be awarded to companies in recognition for their contribution to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals¹. By 2015, the UN aims to reduce the number of people in extreme poverty by 50% through 8 primary development goals including access to water and sanitation².

SUEZ Environnement's « Water for All » programme is one of only 10 business-driven projects world-wide to have received a 2004 World Business Award. Furthermore, it is the first French company and the only representative of the Environment industry to be recognised in the context of the implementation of the UN's targets.

Water for All is a research and development programme that aims to improve access to water and sanitation services for underprivileged communities in developing countries. Based on a collaborative approach that involves governments, elected representatives, community representatives, associations and NGOs, the Water for All programme has obtained results in Latin America, Africa and Asia. To date, SUEZ Environnement supplies water and sanitation services to almost 9 million people living under the poverty belt. Three million of these have been connected in just 5 years. These grass roots efforts make the company a true development player mainly through the positive impact water and sanitation services have on health but also through their capacity to stimulate development in underprivileged areas.

The World Business Awards, a joint initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNPD), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and The Prince of Wales International Business Leaders Forum (I'IBLF), will be awarded at the ICC 26th World Congress in Marrakesh from 6th to 9th June 2004.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, a division of SUEZ, provides equipment and services that protect the environment and deliver the essentials of life. Its activities include drinking water production and distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, and waste treatment and recovery. Through its three international brands, Ondeo (water distribution), Degrémont (water treatment plants) and SITA (solid waste management), SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT employs over 82,900 people worldwide and in 2003, generated a turnover of 12.3 billion euros.

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¹ Millennium Development Goals (MDG)

² <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals>