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Press Release

Inauguration of Barcelona's first urban heating and cooling network

Joan Clos, Mayor of Barcelona, and Gérard Mestrallet, Chairman and CEO of SUEZ, inaugurated today **Barcelona's first urban heating and cooling network**, designed by SUEZ' Elyo subsidiary. An innovative concept in this city, the network makes it possible to supply a large number of customers within a given area from a single production point. **This is the first such type of network in Spain.**

This achievement is based on innovative technical solutions whose principal aim is to comply with environmental and health standards:

- Use of the steam produced at the nearby waste treatment plant as principal energy source. **The simultaneous production of heat and cold, emits practically no pollution, nor any greenhouse gases;**
- Elimination of cooling towers, thus **eliminating all risk of developing bacteria;**
- Highly efficient equipment in terms of energy consumption.

In addition, this network will contribute to a **substantial reduction in noise pollution while at the same time improving customers' comfort (flexibility of usage and system reliability) and by reducing costs.**

Completed within the framework of the city's ambitious reconstruction and restructuring plan, it covers an area of 214 hectares in the southwest of Barcelona¹ and aims to extend more widely in the city.

The design and installation of the energy station's equipment was delegated to Elyo Ibérica – Axima – Aguas de Barcelona. Development and management of the entire system, operational at the start of 2004, will be assured by Districlima² for 25 years. The project's total turnover amounts to 75 million euros.

This contract illustrates SUEZ' continuing active development in Spain and more generally in Europe, based on strong and profitable positions, in a dynamic market, in its complementary sectors of energy and environment.

¹ An area of Barcelona, until now abandoned and extending into the municipality of Saint Adria des Besos, which will host from next May 9 to September 26 Barcelona's 2004 Universal Forum of Cultures.

² The partners of Districlima, created in October 2002, currently include: Elyo Ibérica (60.8%) part of the SUEZ group's energy sector which has broad experience in the distribution of heat and cold (especially in Paris and Lisbon), Aguas de Barcelona (19.2%), Torsa (20%), manager of the municipal waste treatment plant of Barcelona and principal energy supplier to the plant.



SUEZ in Spain

Located in the heart of Europe, where SUEZ generates 80% of its annual revenues, Spain represents, in terms of revenues, the sixth most important country for the Group (after Belgium, France, the United Kingdom, the United States and the Netherlands).

SUEZ, via Agbar, is the major distributor of water in Spain and, via Degrémont, is the country's leader in sea water de-salinization.

In 2003, SUEZ achieved consolidated revenues of more than 2 billion euros, or 5.1% of the Group's total sales.

Municipal networks of heat and cold in Paris and Lisbon

SUEZ, through its subsidiaries CPCU and Climespace, produces and distributes heat and cold by networks, for heating, for hot water and for air conditioning in the heart of Paris and Lisbon. **Thanks to this experience, SUEZ was able to bid for the project developed in Barcelona.**

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