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Zin Smati Named SUEZ Energy North America President and CEO

HOUSTON -- Zin Smati, 48, has been named President and Chief Executive Officer of SUEZ Energy North America, Inc., the business unit of SUEZ Energy International responsible for managing SUEZ's positions within the energy value chain in the United States, Canada and Mexico, including LNG and natural gas, retail energy sales and related services, and electricity generation and cogeneration. The appointment is effective March 20, 2006.

"We are pleased to promote to this key leadership position someone from within the SUEZ Group," said Dirk Beeuwsaert, Chief Executive Officer of SUEZ Energy International. *"Zin is an exceptional and experienced leader in the energy industry who has contributed to the growth of our North American business since joining the organization."*



Smati joined SUEZ Energy North America in 2001 as its Executive Vice President of Strategy. The following year he was named President and CEO of SUEZ Energy Resources NA, Inc., the retail energy subsidiary of SUEZ Energy North America. In this capacity, Smati grew the business from a startup operation in 2003 to the United States' fourth largest retail energy provider, based on megawatts under contract.

Prior to joining SUEZ, Smati held a succession of executive positions with energy companies in the U.S. and U.K., including President and CEO of BP Amoco Global Power, Senior Vice President of Business Development and Marketing for Amoco Power, Vice President of Worldwide Power Development for Arco and Manager of International Development for National Power of the U.K.

Smati holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Sheffield University, England, a master's degree in business administration from Henley Management College, Oxfordshire, England, and a doctorate from Brunel University, West London, England.

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