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Press release

SUEZ U.S. COMPANIES, EMPLOYEES DONATING LIFE ESSENTIALS TO AID HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS

Utilities leader offers water purification and energy resources; employees offer food, clothing, shelter, and counseling. More than \$500,000 also pledged to American Red Cross and the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund.

SUEZ Group (NYSE:SZE), through four of its U.S. affiliates and subsidiaries – SUEZ Energy North America, United Water, Infilco Degremont, and Teris – said today that it is donating \$500,000 to two prominent agencies working on behalf of hurricane relief and rebuilding efforts in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana: The American Red Cross and Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund will each receive \$250,000.

Gérard Mestrallet, CEO of SUEZ, said: “I am heartened by the actions of solidarity and support shown by all the Group’s companies in the USA, who are matching employees’ donations supporting relief efforts. On behalf of all Group employees, I would like to convey to the American people our solidarity and compassion. Our thoughts are with you all.”

Additionally, SUEZ Energy North America, United Water, Infilco Degremont, and Teris said they will match contributions to hurricane relief agencies made by their employees. Because of its unique position as an energy and water services leader, SUEZ will also donate water purification systems and services to emergency personnel in the affected areas.

“We are fully resolved to help all those left in need by Hurricane Katrina and are asking every employee to lend a hand,” said William P. Utt, president and CEO of Houston-based SUEZ Energy North America. “Houston-area residents, including employees of SUEZ Energy, are mobilizing to do whatever we can to help those affected by the tragic events.” Donations by SUEZ Energy North America will help address relief efforts in Houston, where thousands of evacuees are being sheltered, and the longer-term rebuilding efforts in the states most severely impacted by Katrina. In addition to making a corporate donation, SUEZ Energy said it will match contributions made by its employees to relief agencies and encourage its Houston workforce to volunteer at local relief agencies.

United Water, which provides water and wastewater services to more than 7.5 million people in the United States, is providing water and water purification services, while employees are donating time and money to ensure the hurricane victims receive food, clothing, and shelter. “Access to clean, safe drinking water is crucial,” said Anthony J. Harding, vice chairman and CEO of United Water. “We will help ensure the needs of the evacuees are met.” Volunteers include employees of United Water Arkansas, who are staffing local shelters where hundreds of evacuees were sent from the New Orleans area. Employees are serving food and sorting



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donated clothing for victims. One employee who is an ordained minister is helping to provide counseling.

Other efforts by United Water include:

- the production of 20,000 bottles of water in San Antonio, where United Water operates a water filtration plant. The bottled water is being sent to area shelters;
- the use of a portable, reverse-osmosis water treatment plant, from United Water Idaho, and a 3,200-gallon water tanker truck, from United Water New Jersey;
- the donation of technical assistance by Rockland County's (NY) Office of Emergency Management and United Water.

Infilco Degremont, a SUEZ water and wastewater engineering company based in Richmond, Va., is working with Aquassistance, a non-profit humanitarian organization formed by employees of SUEZ, and United Water on deploying personnel and equipment to the affected areas upon completion of a needs assessment study. As a first step, Infilco Degremont president Vernon D. Lucy has already been in contact with Marcia St. Martin, executive director of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, and offered assistance. Infilco Degremont has very close links to New Orleans and expects to be involved in the revamping of the city's Pump Station #6 by the end of the week.

Additionally, Infilco Degremont said it will match its employees' contributions to American Red Cross relief efforts. "The catastrophic events demand compassion and technological skill. Infilco Degremont and its employees have an abundance of both that we are ready to share," said Marc Hauchecorne, CEO, Infilco Degremont.

And El Dorado, Ark.-based Teris is partnering with the City of El Dorado and Union County to aid the more than 1,500 displaced families that have found refuge in South Arkansas since Hurricane Katrina struck. "The residents of Arkansas are opening their hearts and homes to those displaced by Katrina. The employees of Teris will do everything in their power to offer support," said Eric Gernath, CEO, Teris. Company officials are meeting with city and county officials and clergy to coordinate relief efforts involving housing, clothing, school, health care, food, and counseling. In addition, Teris will be taking applications to provide jobs for qualified workers later this week.

Teris is also donating \$10,000 to the relief effort and will match all employee donations to the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and El Dorado/Union County Hurricane Disaster Fund. And Teris is providing a tractor trailer to fill with supplies for the relief efforts on the Gulf Coast.

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SUEZ, an international industrial Group, designs sustainable and innovative solutions in the management of public utility services as a partner of public authorities, businesses and individuals. The Group aims to answer essential needs in electricity, natural gas, energy services, water and waste management. The Group employs 160,700 people worldwide and achieved revenues of €40.7 billion in 2004, 89% of which were generated in Europe and in North America. For more information, go to www.suez.com.

Based in Houston, **SUEZ Energy North America, Inc.** is the business unit of SUEZ Energy International responsible for managing positions within the energy value chain in the U.S., Mexico and Canada, including electricity generation and cogeneration, natural gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG), asset-based trading and origination, and retail energy sales and services to commercial and industrial customers. The company's North American assets include 45 power, cogeneration, steam and chilled-water facilities representing 5,538 MW of electricity generation, 7.0 million pounds per hour of steam and hot water, and more than 65,000 tons of chilled water. The company's wholly owned subsidiary, Distrigas of Massachusetts, owns and operates an LNG receiving terminal in Everett, Massachusetts, which meets approximately 20 percent of New England's annual gas demand. The company's wholly owned retail energy business, which operates under the name SUEZ Energy Resources NA, sells electricity and related products to industrial and commercial customers in 12 states and Washington, D.C. For more information, go to www.suezenergyna.com or www.suezenergyint.com.

United Water, one of the largest water services companies in the U.S., provides water and wastewater service to more than 7.5 million people. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Suez Environmental, the world's leader in water and wastewater management services, serving more than 115 million people in over 130 countries. For more information, go to www.unitedwater.com.

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Infilco Degremont is the U.S. affiliate of the Degremont Group, the largest world group dedicated to water services whose customers benefit from internationally renowned technologies, knowledge and expertise. The company is part of SUEZ Environment, the world's leader in water and wastewater management services, serving more than 115 people in over 130 countries. For more information, go to www.infilcodegremont.com.

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