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**SITA's sister company, Degrémont,
builds technology to protect the environment**

Following the successful completion and opening of the saltwater desalination plant near Perth by Australian Water Services, SITA Australia's sister company Degrémont has been awarded a major French wastewater treatment plant contract.

Degrémont, SUEZ Environment's waster subsidiary, has secured the AUS\$114million contract to design and construct the plant for the city of Le Havre on the west coast of France.

The new plant will be fully commissioned by the end of 2010 and have the capacity to service a population of 415,000. With a consortium consisting of Degrémont; Razel, civil engineering; Thétis, architectural design; and Safége, project management, the first section of the plant will be operational by the end of 2009.

Utilising the guiding design principles of respect for the environment and optimisation of operating costs, as well as employing simple and proven processes, the plant will enable Le Havre to meet EU environmental guidelines, particularly those that relate to nitrogen and phosphorus. The plant will be located in the city centre and its contemporary architectural design will allow it to blend with the city's urban development plants. The compact design will also enable local authorities to reclaim a hectare of land for future development.

The contract validates Degrémonts capacity to provide its clients with innovative and sustainable technological solutions that meet local needs and protect the environment.

SITA continues to expand its services in Australia with recent acquisitions in the secure paper destruction and organic waste markets, in addition to its recent Penrith and Liverpool Council wins and SITA-CEC waste management contracts in far north Queensland and regional New South Wales.

SITA Environmental Solutions, a SUEZ Environment subsidiary, provides weekly services to over 43,000 commercial and industrial clients and more than 800,000 households across Australia

SITA's services include domestic, commercial & industrial waste collection; waste assessments; resource recovery and recycling options; processing of organic materials into compost; renewable energy facilities; hygiene services; waste treatment; and product destruction.

More information on SITA's services can be obtained by calling 13 13 35 or visit www.sita.com.au

Degrémont is the water treatment specialist within SUEZ Environment. Suez Environment, a branch of the Suez Group, supplies services, plant and equipment essential to life and to environmental protection: drinking water production and distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, waste processing and recycling. Backed by its experience in the water and waste sectors, Suez Environment has a wide-ranging portfolio of know-how, providing sustainable solutions for local authorities and businesses.

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