

Press release

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Veolia Water Technologies records excellent year in desalination

Veolia Water Technologies, through its subsidiary SIDEM, has recorded an excellent year in the desalination field, notably thanks to 3 major contracts in the Middle East. The most recent is a contract to engineer and procure the future Umm Al Quwain desalination plant in the United Arab Emirates. Following wins at Rabigh 3 in Saudi Arabia and Al Dur 2 in Bahrain, this new USD 255 million contract closes a record year for Veolia's desalination expert, SIDEM.

Located at a coastal site in the Emirate of Umm Al Quwain along the border of Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah, the project is part of the UAE's effort to optimize water production and meet the increasing demand for water in the country.

As part of a consortium, Veolia will be in charge of engineering and procurement for the 150 MIGD (681,900 m³/day) Seawater Reverse Osmosis Independent Water Project (IWP) while Chinese partner Gezhouba Group International Engineering will undertake construction. Once commissioned, the Umm Al Quwain plant will be the largest desalination project in the Northern Emirates. The plant is expected to be commercially operational by July 2022.

Vincent Baujat, Managing Director of SIDEM, said: *"The recent successes that our team has earned on the desalination market are a testament to the extent of our expertise. These contracts strengthen our position as leader in desalination and as a key partner for stakeholders in the Middle East. We are honored to be working with our partners to bring water security and accelerate the sustainable development of the UAE."*

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In 2018, the Veolia group supplied 95 million people with drinking water and 63 million people with wastewater service, produced nearly 56 million megawatt hours of energy and converted 49 million metric tons of waste into new materials and energy. Veolia Environnement (*listed on Paris Euronext: VIE*) recorded consolidated revenue of €25.91 billion in 2018. www.veolia.com

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