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## Meridiam ready to acquire a large stake in SUEZ


Meridiam welcomed the agreement between Veolia and SUEZ, which brings back serenity that is undoubtedly favourable to the Paris market.

Meridiam is ready to take a large share of the future entity resulting from the agreement, which is worth around €7 billion, provided that the governance and criteria adopted allow the implementation of a very long-term industrial project.

The scope of the New SUEZ will include SUEZ's municipal water and solid waste activities in France (including CIRSEE, the main research center in France), as well as SUEZ's activities in Italy (including Suez's stake in Acea), the Czech Republic, Africa (including Lydec), Central Asia, India, China, Australia, and the world's digital and environmental activities (SES).

This agreement is in line with Meridiam's values and its long-term industrial project. Meridiam will commit to keeping the new entity for at least 25 years, to investing €860 million over the next 5 to 7 years, and to maintaining the jobs, status and social conditions of the employees.

### *About Meridiam*

*Meridiam was founded in 2005 by Thierry Déau, with the belief that the alignment of interests between the public and private sector can provide critical solutions to the collective needs of communities. Meridiam is an independent investment Benefit Corporation under French law and an asset manager. The firm specializes in the development, financing, and long-term management of sustainable public infrastructure in three core sectors: mobility, energy transition and environment, and social infrastructure. With offices in, Addis Ababa, Amman, Dakar, Istanbul, New York, Luxembourg, Paris, Toronto and Vienna, Meridiam currently manages US\$8 billion and more than 90 projects and assets to date. Meridiam is certified ISO 9001: 2015, Advanced Sustainability Rating by VigeoEiris and applies a proprietary methodology in relation to ESG and impact based on United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [www.meridiam.com](http://www.meridiam.com)  [Meridiam](#)  [Meridiam](#)  [Meridiam](#)*

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