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A new wave in water bottle production

Evian Volvic Sources (EVS) has become the first client of the new France Plastiques Recyclage (FPR) plant which was built in Limay by PAPREC and SITA, a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT.

Evian Volvic Sources has become the first client of the new FPR production unit and has made a reality of its ambitious goal to gradually incorporate up to 50% of recycled PET (or r-PET) into its bottles starting in 2010 and thereby significantly reducing its environmental impact.

Signed on July 15 the agreement calls for production of 10 to 15,000 tonnes of r-PET, half of the amount used by EVS to produce Evian and Volvic bottles and the equivalent of 35% of the capacity of the new plant. Bottle production meets the demanding specifications needed to preserve the specific qualities of spring water and to commit to exceptionally high food safety standards.

"In collaboration with Evian Volvic Sources, we have developed a high-performance facility that can meet the strictest requirements related to food safety," said Philippe Bourdeix, chairman of France Plastiques Recyclage.

"This new plant can produce very high quality Bottle-to-Bottle r-PET which perfectly fulfils our expectations at EVS", explained Jean-Pierre Deffis, chairman of Evian-Volvic Sources. "Our requirements today exceed market standards."

With an innovative treatment and purification process, the Limay plant is able to produce granules of r-PET with the same technical and sanitary properties of raw PET. The facility will recycle 40,000 tonnes of bottles a year starting in 2010 and will produce 30,000 tonnes of r-PET.

A KEY STEP ON THE ROAD TOWARDS CARBON NEUTRALITY

EVS has worked with FPR for two years to develop a high-performance r-PET facility to design improved packaging as part of its commitment towards actively reducing its environmental impact. Bottles make up most of Evian and Volvic's carbon footprint and represent a key area in which action can be taken to reduce environmental impact. This agreement is therefore a critical step for EVS in reaching its ambitious environmental goal of attaining carbon neutrality for the Evian brand in 2011¹.

R-PET has been incorporated into Evian and Volvic bottles since March 2008 and now makes up 25% of the content in the main formats of Evian and Volvic bottles.

Through the contract with FPR, EVS will increase the longevity of the stock of r-PET and guarantee sufficient supply to gradually increase the amount of r-PET in its bottles to 50% starting in 2010.

Using the r-PET will enable EVS to save 30 to 45,000 tonnes of CO₂ a year, the equivalent of the annual carbon footprint of 2,000 to 3,000 French homes².

The original SUEZ Environment press release is available at www.suez-environnement.com

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¹ Accordingly, in 2011, Evian's environmental impact will be neutral in CO₂ equivalent, the benchmark measurement for climate change.

² 2 Source Ademe: in 2002, the annual emission from a French home was 15.5 tonnes.

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About Evian-Volvic-Sources

Evian-Volvic-Sources is an entity that combines the production units of the Evian and Volvic natural spring water brands.

About Evian

The balanced mineral composition of Evian is the culmination of over 15 years of filtration in the heart of the French Alps. At the end of its journey Evian natural spring water comes out at the Cachat Spring in the French town of Evian-Les-Bains, on the shores of Lake Geneva. Evian has long been committed to reducing its environmental footprint. Over the last 10 years it has reduced the weight of its bottles by 20%, is currently using 25% recycled PET in its bottles and is shipping two thirds of its production by train in Europe.

For more information: www.evian.com

About Volvic

Volvic natural mineral water comes from the heart of the Regional Natural Park in the volcanoes of the Auvergne in the Puy mountain chain. The site which feeds the source extends over more than 4,000 hectares of forest and open land. The path that Volvic natural spring water follows, through an immense natural filter of volcanic layers, gives the water its purity and light mineralisation.

PAPREC

A French leader in recycling, Groupe Paprec, founded and chaired by Jean-Luc Petithuguenin, was built on extremely strong key values: respect for people, professionalism, excellence and team spirit. Every day, 2,000 employees representing over 37 nationalities work at the company's 40 sites in France processing over 2,000,000 tonnes of waste collected from over 15,000 clients. En 2008, Groupe Paprec earned over €320 million in revenues.

SITA France, a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, achieved revenues in 2008 of €2.96 billion. SITA employs more than 19,300 people working in service to 3,100 communities and 52,000 commercial & industrial customers. Its activities cover the entire waste treatment domain: collection, sorting, recovery and processing of non-dangerous and dangerous wastes (excluding nuclear wastes)—both solid and liquid, sanitation and industrial maintenance services. Created in September 2006, the company's recycling business brings together specific areas of expertise in the fields of treatment and recovery of materials (plastics, rubber, metals, etc.) and end-of-life products (DEEE, VFV, etc.), but also in the area of marketing those secondary raw materials.

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT

Natural resources are not infinite. Each day, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) and its subsidiaries deal with the challenge to protect resources by providing innovative solutions to industries and to millions of people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT supplies drinking water to 76 million people, provides wastewater treatment services for 44 million people, and collects the waste produced by 60 million people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has 65,400 employees and, with its presence on a global scale, is a world leader exclusively dedicated to environmental services. In 2008, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, a subsidiary owned 35% by GDF SUEZ, achieved revenues of €12.4 billion.

SITA Environmental Solutions, a SUEZ Environment subsidiary, provides weekly services to over 43,000 commercial and industrial clients and more than 1.1 million 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