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SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, the French Tennis Federation and Secours Populaire launch the fourth "Places au Jeu" operation in connection with the BNP Paribas Masters

For four years now, the French Tennis Federation, Secours Populaire Français and SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT have been joining forces each year to carry out the "Places au Jeu" operation, launched in 2005, in connection with the BNP Paribas Masters tennis tournament. From 9 to 15 November 2009, for the duration of the tournament, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has invited more than 4,000 young people from underprivileged districts or adults in precarious situations to come and enjoy the exploits of the top players. In this way, some 700 young people and adults have discovered high-level tennis each day.

Buoyed by the success of previous operations, the three partners are continuing and indeed further strengthening this initiative, enabling more young people to discover this approach to social integration through sport, underpinned by the social commitment and actions shown daily by each partner: the French Tennis Federation in accompanying young people through sport, Secours Populaire Français through its support for young people from families in difficulties and adults in precarious situations, and lastly, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT within the framework of its sustainable development policy and its commitment to social responsibility.

The French Tennis Federation is an association governed by the law of 1901, entrusted by ministerial delegation with promoting, organising and developing tennis in France, in addition to grouping together affiliated clubs, encouraging and supporting their efforts, and coordinating their activities. It also represents France through the involvement of French teams in international events (Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic Games, etc.) and the organisation of major international events, such as the French Open and the BNP Paribas Masters, held at the Palais Omnisports de Paris-Bercy.

Founded in 1945, Secours Populaire Français is a humanitarian association, made up of 98 federations, 659 committees, 4,000 outreach branches, and 1,232 welcome centres in France. In France, the Secours Populaire operates across a range of areas, from food assistance to clothing, help finding accommodation and socio-professional integration. Access to culture, sport and holidays is also seen as an essential need. Around the world, Secours Populaire takes action in 45 countries, supported by local associations, focusing on three stages in mutual aid: "emergency, rehabilitation, development".

SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Natural resources are not infinite. Each day, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) and its affiliates deal with the challenge to protect resources by providing innovative solutions to industry 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 a presence on all five continents, is a world leader exclusively dedicated to environmental services. In 2008, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT reported revenues of 12.4 billion euros. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT is a 35.4%-owned subsidiary of GDF SUEZ.

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