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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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For the month of May, 2002

SUEZ

(translation of registrant's name into English)

16, rue de la Ville l'Evêque, 75008 Paris, France (address of principal executive offices)

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## **Ondeo (SUEZ) strengthens its leading position in China's water market**

- **wins a 25-year EUR 430 million contract in Qingdao**
- **signs its 3<sup>rd</sup> Shanghai contract in under a year**

Paris, May 22, 2002....Ondeo, the water division of SUEZ, announced it has signed two new contracts in China for a total value of almost EUR 460 million. In Qingdao, Ondeo was chosen to manage a 25 year contract to supply drinking water to 2.3 million residents, bringing estimated population served in China to 12 million. In Shanghai, Ondeo will re-construct two drinking water treatment plants located in Nanshi and Yangshupu.

These new contracts further strengthen SUEZ's leading position in water-related services in China, where the group's presence dates back to the 1970s. They follow the signature of two major contracts this year. Last month Ondeo signed a 30 year framework agreement, the first of its type since new legislation opened the water distribution market to foreign operators in early April. In March, Ondeo also signed a EUR 600 million contract with Shanghai Chemical Industrial Park, the biggest ever industrial water contract in China.

### **> Qingdao contract – Ondeo Services**

The 25 year contract provides for operating, enhancing and maintaining two existing drinking water treatment plants with a total capacity of 540,000 m<sup>3</sup> per day in Qingdao, Shandong Province. Qingdao will also host water sports for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, a determining factor for the city's choice of Ondeo Services given the company's previous experience of water management in Atlanta, Barcelona, Albertville and Sydney. Qingdao is a dynamic tourist location and an affluent industrial city known worldwide for its Tsingtao beer.

Ondeo will play a major role in the drinking water system of Qingdao as it will produce nearly 90% of the water supplied in the inner city: 2.3 million inhabitants out of a total urban population of 7 million. Total investment will be EUR 33 million and turnover is estimated at EUR 430 million over the contract's 25-year duration. The contract is between Sino-French Water Development - a joint subsidiary of Ondeo and the New World Group from Hong Kong - and the local water supply company, Qingdao Tap Water Corp. Ltd. A joint venture will be set up on a 50/50 basis between the two parties.

### **> Shanghai contract – Ondeo Degrémont**

The Southern and Northern Shanghai Water Supply Companies, in charge of supplying drinking water to the city of Shanghai, have entrusted Ondeo Degrémont with the reconstruction of the Nanshi and Yangshupu plants, two 100-year old drinking water treatment plants. The contract amounts to EUR 26.7 million, of which EUR 22.3 million are financed through a Sino-French protocol. The plants' combined production capacity is 860 000 m<sup>3</sup> per day. The two plants will use the most advanced technologies available to meet the city's increased requirements for drinking water quality, particularly in terms of taste and odours: rapid settling, pre- and post-ozonation, activated carbon filtration and complete sludge treatment.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SUEZ  
(registrant)



Date : May 22, 2002

By: Senior Vice President – General Counsel  
(Signature) \*  
/Philippe de MARGERIE/

\* Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature.