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Press Release

Meridiam, GIP and the CDC Group (Caisse des Dépôts and CNP Assurances) announce the signing of an agreement in principle with Suez and Veolia to form the long-term shareholder of the new Suez

Meridiam, GIP and Caisse des Dépôts in partnership with CNP Assurances announce the signing of an agreement in principle with Suez and Veolia with a view to forming the shareholder base of the new Suez, following on from the agreement reached between Suez and Veolia on 11 April 2021.

Meridiam, GIP and the CDC Group confirm their association in a partnership of 40% for Meridiam, 40% for GIP and 20% for the CDC Group. The shareholding of the new Suez, which will be balanced, complementary, long-term and predominantly French, will also be open to employees, with a target of 10% of the capital within seven years.

Meridiam, GIP and the CDC Group have also finalised the terms of a stable and efficient governance structure for the new Suez, in line with the provisions of the agreement of 11 April between Veolia and Suez.

Meridiam GIP and the CDC Group share the conviction that the new Suez, thanks to the quality of its management and the commitment of its employees throughout the world, will have robust growth capabilities in the environmental businesses to serve the ecological transition and the development of territories.

The implementation of this agreement is subject to the finalisation of discussions with the Suez and Veolia Groups, in dialogue with all stakeholders and with respect for the social body, as well as to the agreement of the various governance bodies of the entities concerned.

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 (Moody's) and applies a proprietary methodology in relation to ESG and impact based on United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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About GIP

Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP) is an independent infrastructure manager that invests in the energy, transportation and environmental services sectors. Founded in 2006 and with 10 offices worldwide (New York, London, Hong Kong, Mumbai, Sydney, etc.), GIP manages more than €58 billion on behalf of more than 400 institutional investors of 41 different nationalities. To date, GIP has invested nearly €15 billion in European companies.

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About Caisse des Dépôts Group

Caisse des Dépôts and its subsidiaries constitute a public group, a long-term investor in the public interest and the economic development of the regions.

It has five areas of expertise: pensions and vocational training, asset management, monitoring of subsidiaries and holdings, corporate financing (with Bpifrance) and Banque des Territoires.

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About CNP Assurances

A leading player in the French personal insurance market, CNP Assurances is present in 19 countries in Europe, notably in Italy, and in Latin America, with a strong presence in Brazil, its second largest market.

As an insurer, co-insurer and reinsurer, CNP Assurances has more than 36 million personal protection policyholders worldwide and more than 12 million savings and pensions policyholders. In line with its business model, CNP Assurances' solutions are distributed by multiple partners and are adapted to their distribution channels, whether physical or digital, as well as to the protection and life-course needs of customers in each country.

Listed on the Paris stock exchange since October 1998, CNP Assurances is a subsidiary of La Banque Postale. The company posted net income of €1,350 million in 2020.

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