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Veolia to design and build water treatment plant in Dakar, Senegal

Veolia, through subsidiaries OTV and SADE, has been awarded the contract to design and build an iron removal water treatment plant for Senegal’s water utility, Société Nationale des Eaux du Sénégal (SONES).

The project is part of SONES’s extensive program aimed at substantially increasing the drinking water supply to Dakar and its suburbs, as well as improving the quality of water distributed. Since some of the city’s water comes from boreholes with high iron content, SONES decided to have an iron removal treatment plant built to improve the quality of that water.

Veolia will design and build a facility with a daily capacity of 40,000 cubic meters of water. Treatment will consist of raw water aeration, physical-chemical treatment and sand filtration. The water will then be disinfected using chlorine produced on site by electrochlorination. The contract represents revenue of €7.6 million (4.9 billion West African CFA francs).

This success—the first for OTV in Dakar—confirms Veolia’s goal of expanding in Senegal and supporting the sustainable development of the country’s water and wastewater sector.

“We want Veolia to be our technical partner and adviser to help us meet the challenges of implementing strategic infrastructure projects and complying with technical quality standards. We hope the company’s experience at both regional and international level will contribute to the success of this project, which is important for the quality of life of people resident in Dakar,” **explains Charles Fall, CEO of SONES.**

Jean-François Nogrette, CEO of Veolia Water Technologies, adds: “We are proud to have been chosen by Senegal’s water utility to help give better access to essential services. For 160 years, Veolia has been working towards ensuring that everyone has access to good quality water while preserving this vital resource. We are keen to bring our experience and solutions into play for the benefit and wellbeing of the residents of Dakar and its suburbs.”

SONES, Senegal’s state-owned urban and suburban water utility, is the contracting authority for this project, which is financed by a West African Development Bank loan.

Veolia subsidiary OTV provides design, construction, maintenance and upgrade solutions for water treatment plants and systems. SADE, meanwhile, is the Veolia subsidiary that specializes in the design, construction and maintenance of water distribution systems.

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In 2015, Veolia and its subsidiaries supplied 100 million people with drinking water and 63 million people with wastewater service, produced 63 million megawatt hours of energy and converted 42.9 million metric tons of waste into new materials and energy. Veolia Environnement (*listed on Paris Euronext: VIE*) recorded consolidated revenue of €25 billion in 2015. www.veolia.com

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