



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NEW GENERAL MANAGEMENT AT ELYO (SUEZ)**

Further to turning Elyo from a company with a Board of Trustees and Management into a company with a Board of Directors, during its meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, the Board appointed Didier Réтали as Chief Executive Officer. He had been General Manager and member of the Elyo Management Board since 1<sup>st</sup> March 2002.

During this meeting, Patrice Quost was appointed Member of the Board – Executive Director in charge of activities in France, Benelux, Spain and Sales Management; Georges Cornet, Executive Director in charge of Finance, Strategic Studies, Operations Assistance, Information Systems and Purchases; and Hervé Thomas, Executive Director in charge of Great Britain, Germany, Italy and Portugal.

Also, Didier Réтали is appointed CEO of Tractebel Energy Services, an operational unit that groups together Elyo and Axima Services; Patrice Quost, Georges Cornet and Hervé Thomas are members of TES's Executive Committee, which is chaired by Didier Réтали.

Didier Réтали, a former student of Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines in Paris, started his career at the French Ministry of Industry, then joined Lyonnaise des Eaux in 1989 where he held various general management positions in France and Asia. In 1999, he was placed in charge of SUEZ Financial Management. In 2000, he headed Plan, Inspection and Accountancy Management.

Patrice Quost, a former student of Ecole Centrale in Lyon, held various general management positions at SIDEM, SNCTP, SITECO and CGC. In 1989, he was appointed CEO of Streichenberger, which became Elyo Centre Est in 1994. In 1997, he was appointed Assistant General Manager of Elyo and was a member of Elyo's Management Board since 2002.

Georges Cornet, a civil engineer, attended the University of Louvain where he passed an MBA. He was Chief Executive Officer of Belgonucleaire ( Tractebel), then from 2000, held general management positions at Endel and Ineo. He joined Elyo and became a member of its Management Board in 2002.

Hervé Thomas, a former student of Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, held general management positions at the Port Autonome de Bordeaux, then in SGE, GTM, CGEC and Elyo groups. Since 2002, he was Elyo's Manager for Great Britain, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

Elyo (SUEZ) is an international group that performs design and long-term operation, with guaranteed results, of global energy, fluid and associated service solutions. Elyo develops optimised service solutions that contribute to environmentally-friendly thermal comfort on its client (industrialists, local authorities, residential site managers) sites. In 2003, Elyo's turnover reached 3.2 billion euros and the company has a workforce of 18,100 people.

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