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GDF SUEZ wins the Gigaton Prize, the top recognition on climate policies in the energy industry

GDF SUEZ has just won the first annual Gigaton Prize on global climate policies. This prize recognizes GDF SUEZ's efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions through investments in the best technologies for renewable energy, gas infrastructures and efficiency measures for existing units and its action promoting carbon market instruments as a global tool to support mitigation activities since 2000, when the Group joined the World Bank's prototype carbon fund.

Thanks to its expertise in energy efficiency, its energy mix low in CO₂ emission and by integrating the CO₂ component in each of its operational processes, GDF SUEZ intends to contribute to fighting global warming and to meet the expectations of its stakeholders. GDF SUEZ has the most diversified energy mix and gas portfolio in the market. This flexibility allows it to adapt continually to market fluctuations and take full advantage of the gas-electricity convergence while focusing on solutions that emit the least carbon. This mix has resulted in it being ranked as one of the power companies with the lowest CO₂ emissions per MWh production, both in Europe and in the world.

This prize was awarded in Cancun, where the United Nations are meeting to discuss actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions around the world. The Gigaton Prize is the top recognition bestowed by the Gigaton Awards, which are designed to inspire and challenge businesses to make a difference to climate change and global sustainability. The Gigaton Awards Ceremony recognized leaders across six major sectors, including GDF SUEZ among the utilities category.

The Gigaton prize was awarded by the Carbon War Room, a non-profit organization that harnesses the power of entrepreneurs to implement market-driven solutions to climate change. The selection of winners was made by an independent Academy, comprised of business and civic leaders, and based on demonstrated leadership and quantitative measures.

GDF SUEZ develops its businesses around a model based on responsible growth to take up today's major energy and environmental challenges: meeting energy needs, ensuring the security of supply, fighting against climate change and maximizing the use of resources. The Group provides highly efficient and innovative solutions to individuals, cities and businesses by relying on diversified gas-supply sources, flexible and low-emission power generation as well as unique expertise in four key sectors: liquefied natural gas, energy efficiency services, independent power production and environmental services. GDF SUEZ employs 200,650 people worldwide and achieved revenues of €79.9 billion in 2009. The Group is listed on the Brussels, Luxembourg and Paris stock exchanges and is represented in the main international indices: CAC 40, BEL 20, DJ Stoxx 50, DJ Euro Stoxx 50, Euronext 100, FTSE Eurotop 100, MSCI Europe, ASPI Eurozone and ECPI Ethical Index EMU.

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