

Note to the File

Meeting with Henry Saint Bris,

Senior Vice-President Marketing & Institutional Relations at Suez Environnement

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Report

Present: Patrick Costello (Head of Cabinet Vella), Aurore Maillet (Member of Cabinet Vella), Henry Saint Bris (Senior Vice President Marketing & Institutional Relations at Suez Environnement).

Henry Saint Bris introduced himself and presented the work of Suez Environnement. The company is active in drinking water, wastewater treatment and waste management. Suez Environnement has operations in many EU countries, and employs more than 65,000 people and ensures waste collection services to 40 million.

Suez Environnement has been active in supporting resource efficiency and the similar economy agenda, and followed closely the work of the European Resource Efficiency Platform, which made recommendations to promote the circular economy in Europe.

The main message of Henry Saint Bris was to reaffirm Suez was supportive of the waste legislation proposal on the table, and hoped it would not be withdrawn.

The Cabinet explained the discontinuity agenda of the new Commission, mentioned the importance of the circular economy and the resource efficiency agenda for creating sustainable growth and jobs and stressed discussions on the work programme had not been concluded.

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