

Press release



GDF SUEZ and its social partners sign a European agreement on the improvement of working conditions

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On 27 November 2014, GDF SUEZ and the European trade union federations EPSU and IndustriALL signed an agreement on the improvement of working conditions. This agreement attests to GDF SUEZ's continuing strong social drive, as it has demonstrated since 2010 by signing five agreements at the European and worldwide levels.

With this new European agreement, the signatories are affirming their conviction that the success of the company, and its ability to adapt, depend simultaneously on the quality of collective labour relations and on the recognition by all those concerned of their role at an individual level, regardless of position or level of seniority.

Special attention must be given to allow everyone to express their views, regularly and confidentially, about their working conditions and their expectations with regard to:

- the nature of the assigned work and the conditions in which it is carried out,
- possibilities for professional development,
- understanding of changes in organisation and working methods,
- balance between professional life and personal life.

In 2015, each of the Group's companies in Europe will, in close cooperation with its social partners, draw up an action plan and develop it into a variety of forms adapted to its own situation and issues.

For Gérard Mestrallet, Chairman and CEO of GDF SUEZ, "The signing of this new European agreement demonstrates our deep conviction that a lasting industrial development plan must take social and human aspects into account. The special attention given to the individual level is central to any process for improving working conditions. It must be given concrete expression in the freedom of each individual to express his or her views regularly, in confidence, regarding working conditions and personal expectations. This agreement is further evidence of the quality of social dialogue within GDF SUEZ, and offers us the chance to reaffirm the crucial role of its management in the long-term development of our business".

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