

Press **release****GDF SUEZ commissions 115MW of new wind power capacity in Brazil**

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GDF SUEZ, through its Brazilian subsidiary Tractebel Energia, announces that full commercial operation has been achieved at the 115 MW Trairi wind parks located in the state of Ceará in Northeast Brazil. The energy generated by the wind farms will be sold directly to commercial and industrial clients, including shopping centers, supermarkets and medium-sized enterprises.

Gerard Mestrallet, Chairman and CEO of GDF SUEZ commented : *“The Trairi wind parks increase our worldwide presence in renewables whilst supporting the Group’s strategy of increasing our capacity in fast growing markets. The project further illustrates our intention to diversify our overall energy portfolio”*

At the peak of the construction, which began in October 2011, the EUR 170 million projects provided employment to over 700 people, who were primarily recruited locally.

The wind farms can generate sufficient clean energy to supply a Brazilian city with a population of 200,000 and, by displacing fossil fuel generated power, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by approximately 230,000 tons annually. In 2012, the United Nations announced the registration of the four wind farms under the Clean Development Mechanism. This registration recognizes the Group’s contribution to clean and sustainable development and qualifies the wind farms to generate carbon credits.

The Group’s subsidiary Tractebel Energia plans to continue investing in renewable energy and to broaden its portfolio of free market clients.

**GDF SUEZ, a major energy player in Brazil**

GDF SUEZ is the largest independent power producer in Brazil, representing approximately 7% of the country’s total installed power generation capacity. 87% of the 8,652 MW capacity is from renewable resources. GDF SUEZ is currently also constructing Jirau, a major 3,750 MW hydropower plant located on the Madeira river, in the State of Rondonia. The project, which will produce clean and renewable energy to meet the electricity demand of 10 million Brazilian households, was recently registered with the United Nations under the Clean Development Mechanism. The Group is also present in energy related services and has been supplying the Brazilian market with LNG since 2012.

### **About GDF SUEZ**

*GDF SUEZ develops its businesses (power, natural gas, energy services) 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: independent power production, liquefied natural gas, renewable energy and energy efficiency services. GDF SUEZ employs 147,200 people worldwide and achieved revenues of €81,3 billion in 2013. The Group is listed on the Paris, Brussels and Luxembourg stock exchanges and is represented in the main international indices: CAC 40, BEL 20, DJ Euro Stoxx 50, Euronext 100, FTSE Eurotop 100, MSCI Europe and Euronext Vigeo (World 120, Eurozone 120, Europe 120 and France 20).*

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