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Sale by GBL of 2.7% of the share capital of GDF SUEZ

GBL (Groupe Bruxelles Lambert) has launched today the sale of 65 million shares of GDF SUEZ held by its 100% owned subsidiary GBL Verwaltung S.A., representing around 2.7% of GDF SUEZ' share capital, through a private placement by way of an accelerated bookbuilding limited to institutional investors.

Albert Frère (CEO), Ian Gallienne and Gérard Lamarche (Managing Directors) of GBL, commented:

"Following the successful disposal and exchangeable bond transactions executed in the last 15 months, GBL is pursuing its dynamic strategy of portfolio rebalancing and diversification. This divestiture enhances the net cash position of GBL in order to benefit from future value creative re-investment opportunities.

GBL, a long term partner of GDF SUEZ, will remain a meaningful shareholder with 2.4% ownership of the capital, largely underlying the exchangeable bond issued earlier this year and will continue, as it has always done, to fully support the strategy implemented by Gérard Mestrallet."

Upon completion of the placement, GBL will communicate the results of the offer together with the financial implications of the sale for the Group.

Created from the merger between SUEZ and Gaz de France in 2008, GDF SUEZ is active in the entire energy sector, in electricity, natural gas and services. Its acquisition of International Power in 2011 has solidified its leading position in the European and international energy landscape. The shares of GDF SUEZ are admitted for trading on the regulated market of NYSE Euronext Paris and GDF SUEZ is part of the CAC 40 index.

GBL is a holding company listed since 1956 whose shares are admitted for trading on the regulated market of NYSE Euronext Brussels.

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