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Groupe Bruxelles Lambert (GBL) controlled by Desmarais and Frère families through Pargesa has supported Suez since the beginning and is its major shareholder.

Thanks to its Franco-Belgian duality, Suez has positioned itself as one of the important players on the energy and environment markets in Europe. GBL fully supports the pursuit of Suez industrial strategy in all its businesses.

GBL excludes a possible unfriendly takeover bid launched by Enel against Suez, which would take on a financial character and not an industrial objective.

GBL views with a favourable eye Suez moving closer to Gaz de France which would create one of the largest gas groups in the world, with a strong presence in the LNG sector.

The new group would be a major industrial player in Europe being able to take part in the future of the European energy market and would be a positive asset for France as well as for Belgium.