

## Press release

### Eiffage set to build seawater desalination plant in Djibouti

Eiffage, through its subsidiary Eiffage Génie Civil, has won the contract to implement the PEPER project (production of drinking water by renewable energy) in Djibouti; the contract is worth €63 million, of which Eiffage will receive €37 million.

Eiffage will work on the project in consortium with Tedagua, a Spanish water treatment specialist, subsidiary of Cobra (ACS group). It will include a desalination plant with a treatment capacity of 22,500 m<sup>3</sup>/day as well as a set of facilities to be extended to a total production capacity of 45,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day. In addition, a 5,000 m<sup>3</sup> storage tank and a 8.5 km-long pipeline of 700 mm of diameter will be built to connect the plant to the city's public water system.

Built in the Doraleh neighbourhood, the plant will help the country become more water-independent and will produce locally treated water for Djibouti citizens.

The Economy and Finance Ministry in charge of industry in Djibouti is the client for this project, which is largely financed by the European Union, and the Djibouti Ministry of Agriculture is acting as the client's representative. The country's National Water and Wastewater Treatment Office (ONEAD) is serving as project manager and Cabinet Merlin, a French firm, as the project manager's representative.

The works will begin immediately and last three years. The consortium will then operate the plant for a five-year period.

In view of Eiffage's work on the regional express train in Dakar, Senegal, which began in December, and its continuing expansion of the Freetown port in Sierra Leone, this project will further strengthen its position on the African continent.

#### About Eiffage

Eiffage is a one of Europe's leading construction and concessions companies. The Group's activities are organised on the basis of the following business lines: construction, real estate, regional development, civil engineering, metal, roads, energy and concessions. Thanks to the experience of more than 63,000 employees, Eiffage generated revenues of €14 billion in 2016, including nearly 20% outside France.

#### About Eiffage Génie Civil

From design to construction, Eiffage Génie Civil works on numerous facilities in France and abroad, particularly in Africa. Its teams work in the following areas on a daily basis: civil engineering structures and facilities, subterranean structures, maritime and river projects, earthworks, demolition-decontamination, foundations and infrastructure repair.

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