

## GENERAL ELECTRIC SELLS ITS DIVISION GE WATER

Davis, Polk & Wardwell LLP in Paris and New York; Baker McKenzie LLP in London; and Trench, Rossi e Watanabe Advogados in São Paulo have helped French water treatment company Suez acquire counterpart GE Water from General Electric for US\$3.4 billion in a 40-plus jurisdictional deal.

General Electric turned to Weil, Gotshal & Manges in New York, Redwood City and Washington, DC; Carey in Santiago; Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enriquez SC in Mexico City; Demarest Advogados in São Paulo; D'Empaire Reyna Abogados in Caracas; Gómez-Pinzón Zuleta Abogados in Bogotá; Morgan & Morgan in Panama City; and Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados in Lima for advice. Sanclemente Fernández Abogados in Bogotá is thought to have advised General Electric, but this could not be confirmed prior to publication.

Suez bought GE Water in a 70/30 joint venture with Canadian fund Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ) in an all-cash transaction, which closed on 30 September. Latin Lawyer could not identify CDPQ's counsel prior to publication.

The tie-up involves more than 40 jurisdictions, including Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Venezuela.

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