

## New contract of 216 millions Euros for Elyo, Groupe SUEZ, in Barcelona

Districlima, a subsidiary of Elyo (SUEZ Group), has won the tender issued by [22@bcn](mailto:22@bcn). S.A. for the designing, building, operating and the management and maintenance of the heating and air conditioning production and distribution facilities in Barcelona's Poble Nou district. The turnover for this 27-year concession is 216 million Euros.

The global investment of 30 ME will enable, at the end of the first works phase, to serve a total area of 800,000 m<sup>2</sup> of offices and housing. At the end of the building period, the network will reach a total length of 8 km, for heating production installed power of 55 MW and cooling production of 78 MW.

In 2004, Districlima has put into service the first Spanish heating and cooling system in Barcelona's Forum 2004 district. This solution asserted itself thanks to an innovating design, as well as economic, operational and environmental benefits. It also enables to save 48% of gas and electricity consumption and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 50% as compared to individual and traditional heating and air conditioning solutions. Moreover, thanks to the elimination of cooling towers, there is no risk of Legionnaire's disease and the visual impact is extremely minimised.

Therefore, Elyo offers a particularly high-performing environmentally-friendly solution and that is well suited to a highly-urbanised area.

The extension of this network will start during 2005 and will be completed in 2008, when the new heating and cooling production plant will be put into service. This plant will be interconnected with the present Forum plant, in order to guarantee a fully reliable service.

Districlima's shareholding is made up of Elyo, Aguas de Barcelona, Torsa, Ides and Icaen.

■ *Elyo, an international group and subsidiary of the SUEZ Group, designs and manages long-term energy services, with guaranteed performance. Elyo develops optimised environmentally-friendly solutions on its client (corporate, local authorities, commercial and residential site managers) sites. In 2004, Elyo's turnover reached 3.4 billion euros and the company employs 18,100 people.*

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