

## Press Release

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### **Tredi (Seche Group) becomes established in Morocco**

#### **Moroccan Environment Minister inaugurates new transformer treatment and materials recovery facility**

On November 17, Madame El Haité, Morocco's Minister for the Environment, opens Tredi's new facility in Casablanca, specializing in the treatment of transformers contaminated with PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls).

##### **A first in Morocco**

As part of a national program (in which the participants are Morocco's Ministry for the Environment, UNIDO, UNDP and the Global Environment Facility), **Tredi**, a subsidiary of Seche Environnement, and its Moroccan partner Morocco Maintenance Environnement (MME) open a treatment and recovery facility which will process PCB-contaminated electrical equipment. The site is located at Bouskoura, a suburb of Casablanca.

This is the first such facility to operate in Africa, and is the result of exemplary cooperation between two industrial partners, one French and one Moroccan. It positions Morocco in the forefront of protection of the environment.

Tredi is one of the world's foremost specialists in the elimination of hazardous waste, and is recognized in particular for its expertise in PCB treatment. Its Saint Vulbas site, situated in the industrial area of the Plaine de l'Ain in south-eastern France, is one of the largest centers for the treatment and elimination of PCB-contaminated materials within Europe.

Tredi has transferred to its Moroccan site its know-how in the areas of decontamination and rehabilitation of PCB-contaminated equipment, as well as its technical skills in the management of chemical risks on sites classified for the protection of the environment.

Tredi has also put in place technical facilities and equipment such as analytical laboratories and dechlorination plants, and provided specific training for all Moroccan employed.

This new treatment and materials recovery site for transformers contaminated with PCBs is a fine example of industrial cooperation based on technology transfer and the sharing of experience.

## **A fitting response to Morocco's national plan to eliminate PCB pollution**

Morocco, which ratified the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in 2004, enshrined its Convention commitments in a National Implementation Plan on May 2, 2006, which established a comprehensive program to manage and eliminate PCBs.

This program includes an institutional framework, a national inventory of PCBs and a risk evaluation process, and was set up in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

This facility is an operational tool which will contribute to the successful technical implementation of this ambitious plan, unique in a country of the South, notably thanks to its ability to collect, sort and isolate the hazardous waste substances contained in PCB-contaminated transformers, before eliminating them and/or recovering value from them.

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- *landfill of final hazardous and non-hazardous waste;*
- *eco-services for decontamination, decommissioning, asbestos removal and site rehabilitation.*

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