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## Statement from the Board of Directors of Gaz de France

**Paris, December 20, 2006** – The board of directors of Gaz de France, chaired by Jean-François Cirelli, met today.

The board of directors, in full support with the continued recommendation of its Chairman, reiterated that the merger with Suez represents the best strategic option for Gaz de France, that it will strengthen the company's development in the best interest of its customers, employees and shareholders.

The board of directors requests the Chairman of Gaz de France to establish with Suez, as rapidly as possible, a timetable for the completion of this project, taking into full account the legal provisions currently in force, following the approval by the French Constitutional Council.

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