

#### GDF SUEZ

(incorporated with limited liability in the Republic of France) as Issuer

#### €25,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

Under the Euro Medium Term Note Programme described in this Base Prospectus (the "Programme"), GDF SUEZ ("GDF SUEZ" or the "Issuer"), subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, may from time to time issue Euro Medium Term Notes (the "Notes"). The aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding will not at any time exceed €25,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies). Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, Notes may be issued in euro, U.S. dollar, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, Sterling and in any other currency agreed between GDF SUEZ and the relevant Dealers.

This Base Prospectus supersedes and replaces the Base Prospectus dated 27 September 2013, as supplemented from time to time and shall be in force for a period of one year as of the date of its approval by the Autorité des marchés financiers (the "AMF").

This Base Prospectus constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 as amended (the "**Prospectus Directive**") in respect of, and for the purposes of giving information with regard to, GDF SUEZ and its fully consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole (the "**Group**"), which is necessary to enable investors to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profit and losses and prospects of GDF SUEZ.

Application has been made to the AMF in France for approval of this Base Prospectus, in its capacity as competent authority pursuant to Article 212-2 of its Règlement Général which implements the Prospectus Directive, as amended.

Application may be made to Euronext Paris for the period of 12 months from the date of approval by the AMF of this Base Prospectus for Notes issued under the Programme to be listed and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris and/or to the listing authority of any other Member State of the European Economic Area ("EEA") for Notes issued under the Programme to be listed and admitted to trading on a Regulated Market (as defined below) in such Member State. Euronext Paris is a regulated market for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2004/39/EC, appearing on the list of regulated markets issued by the European Commission (a "Regulated Market").

However, Notes may be issued under the Programme that are listed on other stock exchanges (whether on a Regulated Market or not) or are not listed and admitted to trading. The relevant final terms (the "Final Terms") (a form of which is contained herein) in respect of the issue of any Notes will specify whether or not such Notes will be listed and admitted to trading and, if so, the relevant stock exchange.

Notes will be in such denomination(s) as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms, save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be €1,000, and if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency at the issue date, or such higher amount as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant specified currency. Notes may be issued either in dematerialised form (the "Dematerialised Notes") or, in materialised form (the "Materialised Notes") as more fully described herein. Dematerialised Notes will at all times be in book entry form in compliance with Articles L.211-3 and R.211-1 of the French Code monétaire et financier. No physical documents of title will be issued in respect of the Dematerialised Notes. Materialised Notes will be in bearer form only and may only be issued outside France and the United States. A temporary global certificate in bearer form without interest coupons attached (a "Temporary Global Certificate will be exchanged for definitive Materialised Notes in bearer form with, where applicable, coupons for interest attached on or after a date expected to be on or about the 40<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the issue date of the Notes upon certification as to non U.S. beneficial ownership as more fully described herein. Temporary Global Certificates will (a) in the case of a Tranche (as defined below) intended to be cleared through Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("Euroclear") and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and (b) in the case of a Tranche intended to be cleared through a clearing system other than or in addition to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or delivered outside a clearing system, be deposited as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as defined below).

The Programme has been rated A by Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services France SAS ("S&P") and the senior unsecured notes and short term notes of the Issuer under this Programme have been assigned a rating of A1 and Prime-1 respectively by Moody's Investors Service Ltd ("Moody's"). GDF SUEZ is currently rated A1/P-1 with stable outlook by Moody's and A with stable outlook/A-1 by S&P. Each of S&P and Moody's is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 (as amended) (the "CRA Regulation"). Each of S&P and Moody's is included in the list of registered credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation. Notes issued pursuant to the Programme may be unrated or rated differently from the current ratings of GDF SUEZ. The relevant Final Terms will specify whether or not such credit ratings are issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

The final terms of the Notes will be determined at the time of the offering of each Tranche and will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

The Base Prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference therein, any supplement thereto and the relevant Final Terms will be available as described in the section entitled "Documents on Display" herein and in the relevant Final Terms.

Prospective investors should carefully review and consider the section of this Base Prospectus entitled "Risk Factors" prior to purchasing any Notes.

Arranger

Deutsche Bank

Dealers

Barclays BofA Merrill Lynch Crédit Agricole CIB HSBC

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking

BNP PARIBAS
Citi
Deutsche Bank
NATIXIS
The Royal Bank of Scotland

This Base Prospectus should be read and construed in conjunction with any supplement hereto and with any other documents incorporated by reference (see "Documents Incorporated by Reference") and, each of which shall be incorporated in, and form part of this Base Prospectus in relation to any Series (as defined herein) of Notes, should be read and construed together with the relevant Final Terms, the Base Prospectus and the Final Terms being together, the "Prospectus".

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this Base Prospectus in connection with the issue or sale of the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer or any of the Dealers or the Arranger (each as defined in "General Description of the Programme"). Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus nor any sale made in connection herewith shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no adverse change in the affairs of the Issuer or those of the Group since the date hereof or the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently supplemented or that there has been no adverse change in the financial position of the Issuer or that of the Group since the date hereof or the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently supplemented or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.

The distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offering or sale of the Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus comes are required by the Issuer, the Dealers and the Arranger to inform themselves about and to observe any such restriction.

No action has been taken by the Issuer or the Dealers which would permit a public offering of any Notes or distribution of this Base Prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, no Note may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Base Prospectus nor any Final Terms or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and the Dealers have represented that all offers and sales by them will be made on the same terms. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus comes are required by the Issuer, the Dealers and the Arranger to inform themselves about and to observe any such restriction.

THE NOTES HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT") OR WITH ANY SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND INCLUDE NOTES IN BEARER FORM THAT ARE SUBJECT TO U.S. TAX LAW REQUIREMENTS. SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, NOTES MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR DELIVERED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS. FOR A DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON OFFERS AND SALES OF NOTES AND ON DISTRIBUTION OF THIS BASE PROSPECTUS, SEE "SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE".

Neither this Base Prospectus nor any Final Terms constitutes an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Dealers or the Arranger to subscribe for, or purchase, any Notes.

The Arranger and the Dealers have not separately verified the information contained in this Base Prospectus. None of the Dealers or the Arranger makes any representation, express or implied, or accepts any responsibility, with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information in this Base Prospectus. Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, the Arranger or the Dealers that any recipient of this

Base Prospectus or any Final Terms or any other information incorporated by reference should subscribe for or purchase the Notes. In making an investment decision regarding the Notes, prospective investors must rely on their own independent investigation and appraisal of the Issuer, its business and the terms of the offering, including the merits and risks involved. For further details, see "Risk Factors" herein. The contents of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms are not to be construed as legal, business or tax advice. Each prospective investor should subscribe for or consult its own advisers as to legal, tax, financial, credit and related aspects of an investment in the Notes. None of the Dealers or the Arranger undertakes to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer or the Group during the life of the arrangements contemplated by this Base Prospectus nor to advise any investor or potential investor in the Notes of any information coming to the attention of any of the Dealers or the Arranger.

The consolidated financial statements of GDF SUEZ for the years ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012 and the consolidated semi-annual financial statements of GDF SUEZ for the period ended 30 June 2014 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and endorsed by the European Union.

In connection with the issue and distribution of any Tranche (as defined in "General Description of the Programme") of Notes, the Dealer or the Dealers (if any) named as the stabilising manager(s) (the "Stabilising Manager(s)") (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in the relevant Final Terms may over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilising Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 calendar days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche and 60 calendar days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilising Manager(s) (or person(s) acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

In this Base Prospectus, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, references to "€", "Euro", "EUR" or "euro" are to the single currency of the participating member states of the European Economic and Monetary Union which was introduced on 1 January 1999, references to "£", "pounds sterling", "GBP" and "Sterling" are to the lawful currency of the United Kingdom, references to "\$", "USD" and "U.S. Dollars" are to the lawful currency of the United States of America, references to "¥", "JPY", "Japanese yen" and "Yen" are to the lawful currency of Japan and references to "CHF" and "Swiss francs" are to the lawful currency of Switzerland.

#### **RETAIL CASCADES**

In the context of any offer of Notes in France and/or any other jurisdiction of the European Economic Area in which this Base Prospectus has been passported from time to time (the "Public Offer Jurisdictions") that is not within an exemption from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive (a "Public Offer"), the Issuer consents to the use of the Base Prospectus, as supplemented from time to time and the relevant Final Terms (together, the "Prospectus") in connection with a Public Offer of any Notes during the offer period specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "Offer Period") and in the Public Offer Jurisdiction(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms:

(1) subject to conditions set out in the relevant Final Terms, by any financial intermediary designated in such Final Terms; or

(2) if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, by any financial intermediary which satisfies the following conditions: (a) acts in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidance of any applicable regulatory bodies (the "Rules"), from time to time including, without limitation and in each case, Rules relating to both the appropriateness or suitability of any investment in the Notes by any person and disclosure to any potential investor; (b) complies with the restrictions set out under the section headed "Subscription and Sale" in this Base Prospectus which would apply as if it were a Dealer; (c) ensures that any fee (and any commissions or benefits of any kind) received or paid by that financial intermediary in relation to the offer or sale of the Notes is fully and clearly disclosed to investors or potential investors; (d) holds all licences, consents, approvals and permissions required in connection with solicitation of interest in, or offers or sales of, the Notes under the Rules; (e) retains investor identification records for at least the minimum period required under applicable Rules, and shall, if so requested, make such records available to the relevant Dealer(s) and the Issuer or directly to the appropriate authorities with jurisdiction over the Issuer and/or the relevant Dealer(s) in order to enable the Issuer and/or the relevant Dealer(s) to comply with anti-money laundering, anti-bribery and "know your client" rules applying to the Issuer and/or the relevant Dealer(s); (f) does not, directly or indirectly, cause the Issuer or the relevant Dealer(s) to breach any Rule or any requirement to obtain or make any filing, authorisation or consent in any jurisdiction; and (g) satisfies any further conditions specified in the relevant Final Terms ( in each case an "Authorised Offeror"). For the avoidance of doubt, none of the Dealers or the Issuer shall have any obligation to ensure that an Authorised Offeror complies with applicable laws and regulations and shall therefore have no liability in this respect.

The Issuer accepts responsibility, in the Public Offer Jurisdiction(s) specified in the Final Terms, for the content of the Prospectus in relation to any person (an "Investor") in such Public Offer Jurisdiction(s) to whom an offer of any Notes is made by any Authorised Offeror and where the offer is made during the period for which that consent is given. However, neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has any responsibility for any of the actions of any Authorised Offeror, including compliance by an Authorised Offeror with applicable conduct of business rules or other local regulatory requirements or other securities law requirements in relation to such offer.

The consent referred to above relates to Offer Periods (if any) ending no later than the date falling 12 months from the date of the approval of the Base Prospectus by the AMF.

In the event the Final Terms designate financial intermediary(ies) to whom the Issuer has given its consent to use the Prospectus during an Offer Period, the Issuer may also give consent to additional Authorised Offerors after the date of the relevant Final Terms and, if it does so, it will publish any new information in relation to such Authorised Offerors who are unknown at the time of the approval of this Base Prospectus or the filing of the relevant Final Terms at http://www.gdfsuez.com/en/investors/fixed-income/#emtn.

If the Final Terms specify that any financial intermediary may use the Prospectus during the Offer Period, any such Authorised Offeror is required, for the duration of the relevant Offer Period, to publish on its website that it is using the Prospectus for the relevant Public Offer with the consent of the Issuer and in accordance with the conditions attached thereto.

Other than as set out above, neither the Issuer nor any of the Dealers has authorised the making of any Public Offer by any person in any circumstances and such person is not permitted to use the Prospectus in connection with its offer of any Notes. Any such offers are not made on behalf of the Issuer or by any of the Dealers or Authorised Offerors and none of the Issuer or any of the Dealers or Authorised Offerors has any responsibility or liability for the actions of any person making such offers.

An Investor intending to acquire or acquiring any Notes from an Authorised Offeror will do so, and offers and sales of the Notes to an Investor by an Authorised Offeror will be made, in accordance with any terms and other arrangements in place between such Authorised Offeror and such Investor

including as to price allocations and settlement arrangements (the "Terms and Conditions of the Public Offer"). The Issuer will not be a party to any such arrangements with Investors (other than Dealers) in connection with the offer or sale of the Notes and, accordingly, the Base Prospectus and any Final Terms will not contain such information. The Terms and Conditions of the Public Offer shall be provided to Investors by that Authorised Offeror at the time of the Public Offer. Neither the Issuer nor any of the Dealers or other Authorised Offerors has any responsibility or liability for such information.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Base Prospectus contains certain statements that are forward-looking including statements with respect to the Issuer's business strategies, expansion and growth of operations, trends in its business, competitive advantage, and technological and regulatory changes, information on exchange rate risk and generally includes all statements preceded by, followed by or that include the words "believe", "expect", "project", "anticipate", "seek", "estimate" or similar expressions. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. Potential investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof.

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#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

Under the Programme, the Issuer may from time to time issue Notes denominated in any currency, subject as set out herein. An overview of the terms and conditions of the Programme and the Notes appears in the section headed "Summary of the Programme" below. The section headed "Summary of the Programme" must be read as an introduction to this Base Prospectus and any decision to invest in the Notes should be based on a consideration by any investor of the Base Prospectus as a whole, including any documents incorporated by reference and any supplement from time to time. The applicable terms of any Notes will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) prior to the issue of the Notes and will be set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

#### SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME

Summaries are made up of disclosure requirements known as "Elements" which communication is required by Annex XXII of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU)  $n^{\circ}486/2012$  of 30 March 2012. These elements are numbered in Sections A – E (A.1 – E.7).

This summary contains all the Elements required to be included in a summary for this type of securities and Issuer. Because some Elements are not required to be addressed, there may be gaps in the numbering sequence of the Elements.

Even though an Element may be required to be inserted in the summary because of the type of securities and Issuer, it is possible that no relevant information can be given regarding the Element. In this case a short description of the Element is included in the summary with the mention of "not applicable".

This summary is provided for purposes of the issue by the Issuer of Notes (as defined below) (other than Notes that are within an exemption from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive (as defined below)) of a denomination of less than €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) which are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market of the EEA (as defined below). Investors in Notes of denominations equal to or greater than €100,000 shall not rely on this summary in any way and the Issuer accepts no liability to such investors regarding this summary. The issue specific summary relating to this type of Notes will be annexed to the relevant Final Terms (as defined below) and will comprise the information below with respect to the summary of the Base Prospectus (as defined below) and/or, as the case may be, the information below included in the items "issue specific summary" as completed with the information relating to the relevant Notes.

#### Section A - Introduction and warnings

- A.1 This summary is provided for purposes of the issue by GDF SUEZ (the "Issuer") of Notes of a denomination of less than £100,000. This summary must be read as an introduction to this base prospectus (the "Base Prospectus"). Any decision to invest in the Notes should be based on a consideration by any investor of the Base Prospectus as a whole, including any documents incorporated by reference and any supplement from time to time. Where a claim relating to information contained in this Base Prospectus is brought before a court, the plaintiff may, under the national legislation of the Member State of the European Economic Area ("EEA") where the claim is brought, be required to bear the costs of translating this Base Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated. Civil liability attaches only to those persons who have tabled the summary, including any translation thereof, but only if the summary is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this Base Prospectus, key information in order to aid investors when considering whether to invest in the Notes.
- A.2 In the context of any offer of Notes in France and/or any other jurisdiction of the EEA in which this Base Prospectus has been passported from time to time (the "Public Offer Jurisdictions") that is not within an exemption from the requirement to publish a prospectus under Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended (the "Prospectus Directive"), (a "Public Offer"), the Issuer consents to the use of the Base Prospectus and the relevant Final Terms (together, the "Prospectus") in connection with a Public Offer of any Notes during the offer period specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "Offer Period") and in the Public Offer Jurisdiction(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms:
  - (1) subject to conditions set out in the relevant Final Terms, by any financial intermediary designated in such Final Terms; or
  - (2) if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, by any financial intermediary which satisfies the following conditions: (a) acts in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidance of any applicable regulatory bodies (the "**Rules**"), from time to time including, without limitation and in each case, Rules relating to both the appropriateness or suitability of any investment in the Notes by any person and disclosure to any potential

investor; (b) complies with the restrictions set out under the section headed "Subscription and Sale" in this Base Prospectus which would apply as if it were a Dealer; (c) ensures that any fee (and any commissions or benefits of any kind) received or paid by that financial intermediary in relation to the offer or sale of the Notes is fully and clearly disclosed to investors or potential investors; (d) holds all licences, consents, approvals and permissions required in connection with solicitation of interest in, or offers or sales of, the Notes under the Rules; (e) retains investor identification records for at least the minimum period required under applicable Rules, and shall, if so requested, make such records available to the relevant Dealer(s) and the Issuer or directly to the appropriate authorities with jurisdiction over the Issuer and/or the relevant Dealer(s) in order to enable the Issuer and/or the relevant Dealer(s) to comply with anti-money laundering, anti-bribery and "know your client" rules applying to the Issuer and/or the relevant Dealer(s); (f) does not, directly or indirectly, cause the Issuer or the relevant Dealer(s) to breach any Rule or any requirement to obtain or make any filing, authorisation or consent in any jurisdiction; and (g) satisfies any further conditions specified in the relevant Final Terms (in each case an "Authorised Offeror"). For the avoidance of doubt, none of the Dealers or the Issuer shall have any obligation to ensure that an Authorised Offeror complies with applicable laws and regulations and shall therefore have no liability in this respect.

The Issuer accepts responsibility, in the Public Offer Jurisdiction(s) specified in the Final Terms, for the content of the Prospectus in relation to any person (an "Investor") in such Public Offer Jurisdiction(s) to whom an offer of any Notes is made by any Authorised Offeror and where the offer is made during the period for which that consent is given. However, neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has any responsibility for any of the actions of any Authorised Offeror, including compliance by an Authorised Offeror with applicable conduct of business rules or other local regulatory requirements or other securities law requirements in relation to such offer.

The consent referred to above relates to Offer Periods (if any) ending no later than the date falling 12 months from the date of the approval of the Base Prospectus by the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

An Investor intending to acquire or acquiring any Notes from an Authorised Offeror will do so, and offers and sales of the Notes to an Investor by an Authorised Offeror will be made, in accordance with any terms and other arrangements in place between such Authorised Offeror and such Investor including as to price allocations and settlement arrangements (the "Terms and Conditions of the Public Offer"). The Issuer will not be a party to any such arrangements with Investors (other than Dealers) in connection with the offer or sale of the Notes and, accordingly, the Base Prospectus and any Final Terms will not contain such information. The Terms and Conditions of the Public Offer shall be provided to Investors by that Authorised Offeror at the time of the Public Offer. Neither the Issuer nor any of the Dealers or other Authorised Offerors has any responsibility or liability for such information.

#### Issue specific Summary

[In the context of the offer of the Notes in [●] ("Public Offer Jurisdiction[s]") which is not made within an exemption from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive (the "Public Offer"), the Issuer consents to the use of the Prospectus in connection with such Public Offer of any Notes during the period from [●] until [●] (the "Offer Period") and in the Public Offer Jurisdiction[s] by [●] / [any financial intermediary] (the "Authorised Offeror[s]"). [The Authorised Offeror[s] must satisfy the following conditions: [●]]

[For the avoidance of doubt, none of the Dealers or the Issuer shall have any obligation to ensure that an Authorised Offeror complies with applicable laws and regulations and shall therefore have no liability in this respect.]

[The Issuer accepts responsibility, in the Public Offer Jurisdiction[s], for the content of the Prospectus in relation to any person (an "Investor") in such Public Offer Jurisdiction[s] to whom an offer of any Notes is made by any Authorised Offeror and where the offer is made during the period for which that consent is given. However, neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has any responsibility for any of the actions of any Authorised Offeror, including compliance by an Authorised Offeror with applicable conduct of business rules or other local regulatory

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requirements or other securities law requirements in relation to such offer.]

[An Investor intending to acquire or acquiring any Notes from an Authorised Offeror will do so, and offers and sales of the Notes to an Investor by an Authorised Offeror will be made, in accordance with any terms and other arrangements in place between such Authorised Offeror and such Investor including as to price allocations and settlement arrangements (the "Terms and Conditions of the Public Offer"). The Issuer will not be a party to any such arrangements with Investors (other than Dealers) in connection with the offer or sale of the Notes and, accordingly, the Base Prospectus and any Final Terms will not contain such information. The Terms and Conditions of the Public Offer shall be provided to Investors by that Authorised Offeror at the time of the Public Offer. Neither the Issuer nor any of the Dealers or other Authorised Offerors has any responsibility or liability for such information.]/[Not Applicable]]

	Section B – Issuer					
B.1	The legal and commercial name of the Issuer	GDF SUEZ ("GDF SUEZ" or the "Issuer" and, with all its fully consolidated subsidiaries, the "Group")				
B.2	The domicile and legal form of the Issuer, the legislation under which the Issuer operates and its country of incorporation	GDF SUEZ is incorporated in France and under the laws of France as a <i>société anonyme</i> (limited liability company) with a board of directors subject to legal and regulatory provisions applicable to limited liability commercial companies and any specific laws governing the Issuer and its bylaws. GDF SUEZ is subject in particular to law 46-628 of 8 April 1946 governing the nationalization of electricity and gas, law 2003-8 of 3 January 2003 governing gas and electricity markets and energy public service, law 2004-803 of 9 August 2004 governing electricity and gas public service and electricity and gas companies, and law 2006-1537 of 7 December 2006 governing the energy sector. GDF SUEZ is registered at the <i>Registre du commerce et des sociétés de Nanterre</i> under reference number 542 107 651. At 31 December 2013, the share capital of GDF SUEZ stood at €2,412,824,089 divided into 2,412,824,089 fully paid-up shares with a par value of €1 each. Its registered and principal office is located at 1, place Samuel de Champlain, 92400 Courbevoie, France.				
B.4b	A description of any known trends affecting the Issuer and the industries in which it operates	The Group GDF SUEZ is one of the world's leading industrial companies and a benchmark in the fields of gas, electricity and energy services. It is active throughout the entire energy value chain, in electricity and natural gas, upstream and downstream.  It is active thoughout the entire value chain, in electricity and natural gas, upstream to downstream in:  • purchasing, production and marketing of natural gas and electricity;  • transmission, storage, distribution, management and development of major natural gas infrastructures;  • energy services.  GDF SUEZ operates a well-balanced business model:  • through its presence in complementary business activities across the value chain;  • through its presence in regions exposed to different business and economic cycles, with a				
		strong presence in emerging markets with their greater prospects for growth, a position that was further strengthened in 2011 and 2012 with the integration of International Power. While the Group still intends to maintain its position as a key player in Europe and a leader of the				

		energy transition, it is now a benchmark energy provider in the emerging world;
		• through its presence allocated between activities that are exposed to market uncertainties and
		others that offer recurring revenue (infrastructure, PPA-type contracts, etc.);
		• through a balanced energy mix with priority given to low- and zero-carbon energy sources.
		The markets in which the Group is expanding are currently undergoing profound change:
		• increase in energy demand is concentrated in the fast growing economies;
		• in Europe, the energy transition has begun in many countries;
		• energy will be increasingly managed at local level, and even individually (consumer-player); and
		• natural gas is playing a more central role at global level due to abundant resources as shale gas production develops and to strong growth in demand.
		In view of this situation, the Group's two strategic priorities are:
		• to be the benchmark energy player in the fast growing markets; and
		• to be the leader in the energy transition in Europe.
		GDF SUEZ's strategic priorities are implemented through its various activities.
		In Europe, the Group has to adapt to the profound changes taking place in the energy sector and increase the priority it gives to its customer approach.
		Internationally, GDF SUEZ aims to step up its development by positioning itself right across the value chain and expanding the range of businesses and regions.
B.5	Description of	GDF SUEZ (formerly referred to as "Gaz de France") is the ultimate holding company of the
	the Issuer's	Group and is the result of the merger of SUEZ (absorbed company) by Gaz de France
	Group and the	(absorbing company), following the decision of the combined general shareholders' meetings
	Issuer's position within the Group	of Gaz de France and Suez on 16 July 2008. The merger took effect on 22 July 2008.
B.9	Profit forecast or	Not Applicable.
В.9	estimate	Not Applicable.
B.10	Qualifications in	The statutory auditors' reports on the consolidated financial statements for the years ended 31
	the auditors'	December 2012 and 31 December 2013 do not contain qualifications.
	report	
B.12	Selected financial	There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer or the Group since 31 December 2013.
	information	There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer and the Group since 30 June 2014.

• The following tables show the Group's key figures related to the income statement and balance sheet (consolidated figures) as at 31 December 2013 and 2012.

## Summary statements of financial position

2013 IFRS consolidated figures

In €bn

ASSETS	12/31/12 IFRS <sup>(1)</sup>	12/31/13 IFRS	LIABILITIES	12/31/12 IFRS <sup>(1)</sup>	12/31/13 IFRS
NON CURRENT ASSETS	445.4		Equity, group share	59.8	48.0
NON CURRENT ASSETS	145.1 106.8	Non-controlling interests	11.5	5.5	
CURRENT ASSETS	60.3	52.8	TOTAL EQUITY	71.3	53.5
of which financial assets valued at fair value through profit/loss	0.4	1.0	Provisions	17.8	16.2
of which cash & equivalents	11.4	8.7	Financial debt	57.2	39.9
			Other liabilities	59.2	50.0
TOTAL ASSETS	205.5	159.6	TOTAL LIABILITIES	205.5	159.6

2013 Net Debt €29.8bn = Financial debt of €39.9bn = Cash & equivalents of €8.7bn = Financial assets valued at fair value through profitioss of €1.0bn = Assets related to financing of €0.1bn (incl. in non-current assets) = Dehrative instruments hedging tiems included in the debt of €0.3bn (in 10.3bn) = 1.0bn = 1.0bn

# Summary income statement

2013 IFRS consolidated figures

In €m	2012 IFRS <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 IFRS
REVENUES	97,038	89,300
Purchases	-52,177	-51,216
Personnel costs	-13,234	-11,704
Amortization depreciation and provisions	-7,113	-6,600
Other operating incomes and expenses	-14,994	-11,951
CURRENT OPERATING INCOME	9,520	7,828
MtM	109	-226
Impairment	-2,474	-14,943
Restructuring	-342	-305
Asset disposals and others	320	951
INCOME FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	7,133	-6,695
Financial result (expense)	-2,775	-1,977
of which recurring cost of net debt	-1,945	-1,433
of which non recurring items included in financial income / loss	-303	-118
of which others	-527	-426
Income tax	-2.049	-727
of which current income tax	-2,530	-2,273
of which deferred income tax	481	1,546
Share in net income of associates	433	490
Non-controlling interests	-1,199	-380
Net income group share	1,544	-9,289
EBITDA	17,026	14,775

(1) The comparative figures as of December 31, 2012 were restated under IAS 19 Revised

• The following tables show the Group's key figures related to the income statement and balance sheet (consolidated figures) as at 30 June 2014.

# Summary statements of financial position

ASSETS	12/31/13(1)	6/30/14	LIABILITIES	12/31/13(1)	6/30/14
NON CURRENT ASSETS	106.2	109.5	Equity, group share	47.9	50.8
NON CURRENT ASSETS	100.2	109.5	Non-controlling interests	5.7	6.2
CURRENT ASSETS	50.3	50.5	TOTAL EQUITY	53.6	57.0
of which financial assets valued at fair value through profit/loss	1.0	1.1	Provisions	16.1	16.8
of which cash & equivalents	8.7	11.4	Financial debt	39.3	39.1
			Other liabilities	47.5	47.1
TOTAL ASSETS	156.5	160.0	TOTAL LIABILITIES	156.5	160.0

H1 2014 Net Debt €25.0bn = Financial debt of €35.1bn — Cash & equivalents of €11.4bn — Financial assets valued at fair value through profitioss of €1.1bn — Assets related to financing of €0.1bn (incl. in non-current assets) — Derivative instruments hedging items included in the debt of €0.5bn

<sup>(1)</sup> The comparative figures as of December 31, 2013 were restated under EBITDA new definition and post IFRS 10/11



# Summary income statement

in €m	H1 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	H1 2014
REVENUES	42,058	39,415
Purchases	-25,802	-24,200
Personnel costs	-4,913	-4,821
Amortization depreciation and provisions	-2,598	-2,100
Other operating incomes and expenses	-3,994	-4,223
Share in net income of entities accounted for using the equity method	327	275
CURRENT OPERATING INCOME AFTER SHARE IN NET INCOME OF ENTITIES ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD	5,077	4,346
MtM, impairment, restructuring, disposals and others	-772	904
INCOME FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	4,305	5,250
Financial result of which recurring cost of net debt of which non recurring items included in financial income / loss of which others	-803 -640 62 -225	-921 -491 -209 -218
Income tax of which current income tax of which deferred income tax	-1,371 -1,314 -57	-1,258 -1,016 -242
Non-controlling interests	-392	-441
NET INCOME GROUP SHARE	1,739	2,630
EBITDA	7,716	6,619

<sup>(1)</sup> The comparative figures as of June 30, 2013 were restated under EBITDA new definition and IFRS10/11



#### **B.13** Recent On 9 September 2014, GDF SUEZ was informed by the Competition Authority of its decision related to a request for protective measures made by an alternative supplier in the natural gas material events particular to and electricity sectors who has accused GDF SUEZ of abusing a dominant position. The Group the Issuer's firmly refutes this accusation, pointing out that natural gas markets are already highly solvency competitive, having been so since the non-household customers market was progressively opened to competition in 2000 and 2004, followed by the household market in 2007. With regard to the household market, alternative suppliers hold a 14.7% market share in relation to consumption sites and 14.9% in terms of annual consumption volume and account for 58.6% of gross sales. In the non-household market, alternative suppliers hold a 26.2% market share with regard to consumption sites, 49.6% in annual consumption volume, and account for 60% of gross sales. The Group is currently studying all available options, including that of appealing the decision. On 25 August 2014, GDF SUEZ, together with its partner PEMEX, announced the start of construction on the Ramones Phase II South pipeline (Ramones II South), a segment of the Ramones natural gas pipeline system, which is one of the largest energy infrastructure projects in Mexico's history, extending from the Texas border to central Mexico. GDF SUEZ will operate and maintain the project from its completion, which is anticipated by the end of 2015. The project is expected to generate 1,480 construction jobs and 3,000 indirect jobs. On 14 August 2014, GDF SUEZ announced that it has signed an agreement for the sale of its assets located in Panama and Costa Rica to Celsia, a Colombian company. This transaction will result in a reduction of around USD 1 billion of GDF Suez consolidated net debt. Completion is expected towards the end of 2014. On 7 August 2014, GDF SUEZ and its partners in the Cameron LNG project announced the Final Investment Decision (FID) for the construction of the liquefaction plant. Cameron LNG is located on an industrial-zoned site along the Calcasieu Channel in Hackberry, Louisiana. The total cost of this facility will be around USD 10 billion. The production of the first train is expected to start in early 2018, with second and third trains following later in 2018 and in 2019 respectively. **B.14** Extent to GDF SUEZ (formerly referred to as Gaz de France) is the ultimate holding company of the which the Group. However, GDF SUEZ operates its own business; it does not act as a simple holding company vis-à-vis its subsidiaries. At the end of 2013, the number of GDF SUEZ's direct or Issuer is dependent indirect subsidiaries (controlling interest) was approximately 1,600. upon other entities within the Group **B.15** The Group is active throughout the entire energy value chain, in electricity and natural gas, **Principal** activities of the upstream to downstream in: Issuer purchasing, production and marketing of natural gas and electricity; transmission, storage, distribution, management and development of major natural gas infrastructures; and energy services. As at 31 December 2013, GDF Suez is organised at the operational level into five business lines: the Energy Europe business line; the Energy International business line;

#### the Global Gas & LNG business line: the Infrastructures business line; and the Energy Services business line. **B.16** Extent to GDF SUEZ is a publicly traded company and its shares are listed and admitted to trading on which the Euronext Paris. They are also listed on Euronext Brussels. Issuer is To the Issuer's knowledge, as of 31 December 2013, only the French State holds share capital or directly or voting rights in GDF SUEZ that exceeds one of the legal thresholds. indirectly The Issuer has no knowledge of any shareholders owning 5 per cent. or more of GDF SUEZ's owned or share capital that have notified it of crossing legal disclosure thresholds. controlled Under the terms of Act No. 2004-803 of 9 August 2004 as amended by Act No. 2006-1537 of 7 December 2006, the French State must at all times hold more than one-third of the Issuer's capital. Pursuant to Article 7 VI of Act No. 2014-384 of 29 March 2014, the obligation to reach the minimum holding threshold is met if the French State holds more than one-third of the capital or voting rights of GDF SUEZ. The French State may temporarily derogate from the obligation to hold more than one-third of the capital or voting rights provided that it reaches the minimum statutory holding threshold within a two-year period. Pursuant to Article 24.1 of Act No. 2004-803 of 9 August 2004 and decree No. 2007-1790 of 20 December 2007, the share capital of GDF SUEZ includes a golden share resulting from the conversion of one ordinary share which is held by the French State, and is aimed at protecting France's critical interests in the energy sector and ensuring the continuity and safeguarding of energy supplies. In application of the Act of 7 December 2006 set out above, the golden share is granted to the French State indefinitely and entitles it to veto decisions made by GDF SUEZ, or its French subsidiaries, which directly or indirectly seek to sell in any form whatsoever, transfer operations, assign as collateral or guarantee or change the intended use of certain assets covered by the decree, if it considers they could harm French energy interests as regards the continuity and safeguarding of supplies. **B.17** Credit ratings The Programme (as defined below) has been rated A by Standard & Poor's Credit Market assigned to the Services France SAS ("S&P") and the senior unsecured notes and short term notes of the Issuer Issuer or its under this Programme have been assigned a rating of A1 and Prime-1 respectively by Moody's debt securities Investors Service Ltd ("Moody's"). GDF SUEZ is currently rated A1/P-1 with stable outlook by Moody's and A with stable outlook/A-1 by S&P. Each of S&P and Moody's is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009, as amended (the "CRA Regulation"). Each of S&P and Moody's is included in the list of registered credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation. Notes issued pursuant to the Programme may be unrated or rated differently from the current ratings of GDF SUEZ. The relevant Final Terms will specify whether or not such credit ratings are issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

		Issue specific summary	
		Credit ratings:	[Not Applicable]/[The Notes to be issued [have been/are expected to be] rated]/ [The Programme is rated]:
			[S & P: [●]]
			[Moody's: [●]]] [[ <i>Other</i> ]: [●]]
B.18	Nature and scope of the Guarantee	to a fully consolidated subsidiary of GDF unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee the pursuant to an autonomous obligation ( <i>garantie</i> The Guarantee will constitute an unconditional, Condition 4 of the Terms and Conditions of th "Negative pledge" below (see C.8)) unsecured for certain obligations required to be preferred present or future unsecured and unsubordinated Guarantor.  In relation to any payment made by the Guarantor compelled by law to make any deduction for duties, fees or imposts, of whatsoever nature, if the extent not prohibited by French law, such a that the Noteholders receive, after such deduction payable.	unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of the Notes which is summarised in the paragraph obligation of the Guarantor and will rank (save ted by law) equally and rateably with all other of obligations, indebtedness and guarantees of the antor under the Guarantee, if such Guarantor is or on account of any present or future taxes, imposed or levied by French law, it shall pay, to additional amounts as may be necessary in order ion, the amount provided in such Notes due and "" shall mean GDF SUEZ, in its capacity as
B.19	Information	In the event of a substitution of Issuer, GDF 5	SUEZ would act as Guarantor. The information
	about the	about the Guarantor is set out in this Section B.	
	Guarantor		

	Section C - Securities					
C.1	Type and class of the Notes	The Notes will be issued in series (each a "Series") having one or more issue dates and on terms otherwise identical (or identical other than in respect of the first payment of interest), the Notes of each Series being intended to be interchangeable with all other Notes of that Series. Each Series may be issued in tranches (each a "Tranche") on the same or different issue dates. The specific terms of each Tranche (which will be supplemented, where necessary, with supplemental terms and conditions and, save in respect of the issue date, issue price, first payment of interest and nominal amount of the Tranche, will be identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same Series) will be set out in the Final Terms to this Base Prospectus (the "Final Terms").				
		The Notes will be issued on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.  Notes may be issued either in dematerialised form ("Dematerialised Notes") or in materialised form ("Materialised Notes"). Dematerialised Notes will not be exchangeable for Materialised Notes and Materialised Notes will not be exchangeable for Dematerialised Notes.  The relevant Final Terms will specify whether Dematerialised Notes are to be in bearer (au				

porteur) dematerialised form or in registered (au nominatif) dematerialised form. Materialised Notes will be in bearer form ("Materialised Bearer Notes") only. A temporary global certificate in bearer form without interest coupons attached (a "Temporary Global Certificate") will be issued initially in respect of each Tranche of Materialised Bearer Notes. Materialised Notes may only be issued outside France and outside the United States. In the case of Dematerialised Notes, the Noteholders (as defined below) will not have the option to convert from registered (au nominatif) form to bearer (au porteur) dematerialised form and vice versa. In the case of Dematerialised Notes issued in registered form (au nominatif), the Noteholders will have the option to convert from fully registered dematerialised form (au nominatif pur) to administered registered dematerialised form (au nominatif administré) and vice versa. The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear France as central depositary in relation to Dematerialised Notes and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, **Luxembourg**"), Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("Euroclear") or any other clearing system that may be agreed between the Issuer, the fiscal agent in respect of the Programme (the "Fiscal Agent") and the relevant Dealer (as defined below) in relation to Materialised Notes. Transfers between Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg participants, on the one hand, and Euroclear France account holders ("Euroclear France Account Holders"), on the other hand, shall be effected directly or via their respective depositaries in accordance with applicable rules and operating procedures established for this purpose by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, on the one hand, and Euroclear France on the other hand. An identification number of the Notes (ISIN) and a common code will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. Issue specific summary: Series number [•] Tranche number  $[\bullet]$ Aggregate nominal amount Series  $[\bullet]$ (ii) Tranche [•] Form of Notes bearer dematerialised form (au porteur)/ registered dematerialised form (au nominatif)/materialised form ISIN  $[\bullet]$ Common code [•] Central depositary [•] Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear [Not Applicable]/[give name(s)and and Clearstream Luxembourg and the *number(s)* [and address(es)]] relevant identification number(s): **C.2** Currencies Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, Notes may be issued in euro, U.S. dollar, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, Sterling and in any other currency agreed between GDF SUEZ and the relevant Dealers. Issue specific summary The currency of the Notes is [●].

C.5	A description of any	Not Applicable. There is no restriction on the free transferability of the Notes.
	restrictions on the free	
	tne tree transferability	
	of the Notes	
C.8	Description of rights attached to the Notes	• Description of the Programme  Up to €25,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies at the date of issue) aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding at any one time, including Notes of any issuer substituted to GDF SUEZ, pursuant to the Euro Medium Term Note Programme arranged by Deutsche Bank AG, Paris Branch (the "Programme").  The dealers in respect of the Programme (the "Dealers") are:  Barclays Bank PLC  BNP PARIBAS  Citigroup Global Markets Limited  Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank  Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch  HSBC Bank plc
		Merrill Lynch International NATIXIS Société Générale The Royal Bank of Scotland plc The Issuer may from time to time terminate the appointment of any dealer under the Programme or appoint additional dealers either in respect of one or more Tranches or in respect of the whole Programme. References in this summary to "Permanent Dealers" are to the persons listed above as Dealers and to such additional persons that are appointed as dealers in respect of the whole Programme (and whose appointment has not been terminated) and to "Dealers" are to all Permanent Dealers and all persons appointed as a dealer in respect of one or more Tranches.
		<ul> <li>Issue price</li> <li>Notes may be issued at their nominal amount or at a discount or premium to their nominal amount.</li> <li>Specified denomination</li> </ul>
		Notes will be in such denomination(s) as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms, save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be £1,000 (or if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency at the issue date) or such higher amount as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant specified currency. Unless otherwise permitted by then current laws and regulations, Notes (including Notes denominated in Sterling) having a maturity of less than one year from the date of issue and in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted by GDF SUEZ in the United Kingdom or whose issue otherwise constitutes a contravention of Section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 will have a minimum denomination of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies).
		• Status of the Notes  The Notes will constitute amountained and (whice to the provisions of
		The Notes will constitute unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 4 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes which is summarised in the paragraph

"Negative pledge" below) unsecured obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* without preference or priority among themselves and (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally and rateably with all other present or future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations, indebtedness and guarantees of the Issuer.

#### • Negative pledge

So long as any of the Notes or, if applicable, any receipts or coupons relating to them, remains outstanding, the Issuer [or, as the case may be, the Guarantor,] will not grant any mortgage (hypothèque), pledge or other form of security interest (sûreté réelle) which are not created over cash on any of its present or future tangible assets, intangible assets or revenues in each case for the benefit of holders of its other negotiable bonds, notes or debt securities [or, in the case of the Guarantor, for the benefit of other holders of negotiable bonds, notes or debt securities it guarantees, and in each case] having an original maturity of more than one year, which are, or which are capable of being, quoted, listed, or ordinarily dealt with on any stock exchange, without granting the same ranking security to the Notes.

None of the above shall prevent the Issuer [or, as the case may be, the Guarantor,] from securing any present or future indebtedness for the benefit of holders of other negotiable bonds, notes or debt instruments [or, in the case of the Guarantor, for the benefit of other holders of negotiable bonds, notes or debt securities it guarantees, and in each case] which are, or are capable of being, quoted, listed, or ordinarily dealt with on any stock exchange, where such indebtedness is incurred for the purpose of, and the proceeds thereof are used in, (i) the purchase of an asset and such security is provided over or in respect of such asset or (ii) the refinancing of any indebtedness incurred for the purpose of (i) above, provided that the security is provided over or in respect of the same asset.

#### Cross acceleration

The Notes may become due and payable at their principal amount together with any accrued interest thereon if the Issuer [or the Guarantor] (i) shall fail to make one or more payments when due or within any applicable grace period on any indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee of the indebtedness for money borrowed of another party in an aggregate principal amount of at least Euro 150,000,000 (or, in each case, the equivalent in another currency) and (ii) (other than where the due date for such defaulted payment is the stated maturity) such indebtedness shall have been accelerated.

#### • Withholding tax

All payments of principal, interest and other revenues by or on behalf of the Issuer in respect of the Notes shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or within France or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. If such a withholding or deduction is required, the Issuer will have to gross-up its payments to the fullest extent then permitted by law and subject to certain exceptions.

#### Governing law

The Notes and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them, are governed by French law.

Terms used above between square brackets shall apply to Notes guaranteed by GDF SUEZ, in the event of a substitution of the Issuer, as more fully described in paragraphs B.18 and B.19 above.

Issue specific summary

0.0	T 4 4	Et 15 ( 5)	
		Specified denomination:	[•]
			accrued interest from, and including, [insert date] to, but excluding [the Issue Date / insert other date] (if applicable)]
		Issue price:	[•] per cent. of the Aggegate Nominal Amount [plus an amount corresponding to

C.9 Interest,
maturity and
redemption
provisions,
yield and
representation
of the

**Noteholders** 

#### Fixed Rate Notes

Fixed interest will be payable in arrear on the date or dates in each year specified in the relevant Final Terms.

#### • Floating Rate Notes

Floating Rate Notes will bear interest determined separately for each Series as follows:

- (i) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant specified currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or
- (ii) by reference to LIBOR, EURIBOR or EUR CMS (or such other benchmark as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms), in each case as adjusted for any applicable margin. Interest periods will be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

#### • Zero Coupon Notes

Zero Coupon Notes may be issued at their nominal amount or at a discount to it and will not bear interest.

#### • Inflation Linked Interest Notes

Inflation Linked Interest Notes may be issued by the Issuer where the interest in respect of such Notes will be calculated by reference to an inflation index ratio derived from the consumer price index (excluding tobacco) for all households in metropolitan France, as calculated and published monthly by the *Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques* ("INSEE") (the "Inflation Index Ratio").

#### • Interest periods and rates of interest

The length of the interest periods for the Notes and the applicable interest rate or its method of calculation may differ from time to time or be constant for any Series. Notes may have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate, or both. The use of interest accrual periods permits the Notes to bear interest at different rates in the same interest period. All such information will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

#### • Maturities

Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, any maturity from one month from the date of original issue.

#### • Redemption

The relevant Final Terms will specify the basis for calculating the redemption amounts payable. Unless otherwise permitted by then current laws and regulations, Notes (including Notes denominated in Sterling) having a maturity of less than one year from the date of issue and in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted by the Issuer in the United Kingdom or whose issue otherwise constitutes a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA must have a minimum redemption amount of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies).

#### Make-whole Redemption at the option of the Issuer

If so specified in the relevant Final Terms, in respect of any issue of Notes, the Issuer may redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time (but no later than the

Call Option Date (as defined in paragraph "Residual Call Option" below) if applicable), prior to their Maturity Date (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) at their Optional Redemption Amount (as defined below). Such Optional Redemption Amount will be the greater of (x) 100 per cent. of the nominal amount of the Notes so redeemed and, (y) the sum of the then present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on such Notes (not including any interest accrued on the Notes to, but excluding, the relevant Optional Redemption Date) discounted to the relevant Optional Redemption Date (as specified in the relevant Final Terms), on an annual basis at the Reference Rate (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) plus a Redemption Margin (as specified in the relevant Final Terms), plus in each case (x) or (y) above, any interest accrued on the Notes to, but excluding, the Optional Redemption Date (the "Optional Redemption Amount").

#### • Residual Call Option

If a Residual Call Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may, at any time or from time to time, as from the Call Option Date (as specified in the Final Terms) which shall be no earlier than 90 days before the Maturity Date until the Maturity Date, redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, at par together with interest accrued to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption.

#### • Optional redemption

The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes will state whether such Notes may be redeemed prior to their stated maturity at the option of the Issuer (either in whole or in part) and/or the holders of the Notes (the "**Noteholders**") and, if so, the terms applicable to such redemption.

#### • Redemption by instalments

The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes that are redeemable in two or more instalments will set out the dates on which, and the amounts in which, such Notes may be redeemed.

#### • Early redemption

Except as provided in "Make-whole Redemption at the option of the Issuer", "Residual Call Option" and "Optional Redemption" above, Notes will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer prior to maturity only for tax reasons.

#### Yield

The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Fixed Rate Notes will set out an indication of the yield of the Notes.

#### • Representation of the Noteholders

In respect of the representation of the Noteholders, the following shall apply:

- (a) If the relevant Final Terms specify "No *Masse*", the Noteholders will not, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped for the defence of their common interests in a masse (the "**Masse**") and the provisions of the French *Code de commerce* relating to the Masse shall not apply; or
- **(b)** If the relevant Final Terms specify "Full *Masse*", the Noteholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interests in a Masse and the provisions of the French *Code de commerce* relating to the Masse shall apply; or
- (c) If the relevant Final Terms specify "Contractual *Masse*", Noteholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of

		their common interests in a Masse. The Masse will be governed by the provisions of the French <i>Code de commerce</i> with the exception of Articles L.228-48, L.228-59, Article L.228-65 I 3° only in the case of the transfers of assets of GDF SUEZ to any fully consolidated subsidiary of the Group for regulatory purpose, the second sentence of Article L.228-65 II and Articles R. 228-67 and R. 228-69.  If paragraph (b) or (c) above is provided as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, the Masse will act in part through a representative (the "Representative") and in part through general meetings of the Noteholders. The names and addresses of the initial Representative and its alternate will be set out in the relevant Final Terms. The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes will be the representative of the single Masse of all Tranches in such Series.						
		Issue specific summary  Rate[s] of Interest:	[[●] per cent. Fixed Rate] [[●] +/- [●] per cent. Floating Rate] [Zero Coupon] [Inflation-Linked]					
		Interest Commencement Date:	[Specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]					
		Maturity Date:	[Specify date or (for Floating Rate Notes) Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to the relevant day and/or month and year]					
		Final Redemption Amount of each Note:	[•] per Specified Denomination					
		Redemption by Instalments:	[The Notes are redeemable by instalments of [●] on [●], [●], [●]]/[Not Applicable]					
		Put/Call Options:	[Investor Put] [Issuer Call] [Make-whole Redemption by the Issuer] [Issuer Residual Call] [Put Option in case of Change of Control] [Not Applicable]					
		Optional Redemption Amount	[Applicable: [•] per Specified Denomination/Not Applicable]					
		Early Redemption Amount	[Applicable: [•] per Specified Denomination/Not Applicable]					
		Yield (in respectof Fixed Rate Notes)	[Applicable/Not Applicable]					
C.10	Derivative component in interest payments	any derivative components. Inflation Linked	otes issued under the Programme do not contain Interest Notes are linked to the consumer price lds in metropolitan France, as calculated and					
C.11	Listing and admission to trading		Notes issued under the Programme may be listed and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris or as otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms. A Series of Notes may be unlisted.					
		Issue specific summary						
		[[Application has been made]/[Application is	s expected to be made] by the Issuer (or on its					

		behalf) for the Notes to be listed and admitted to trading [on [Euronext Paris]/[•]] with effect from [•]]/[Not Applicable].
C.15	Description of how the value of investment is affected by the value of the underlying instrument	Inflation Linked Interest Notes are debt securities which do not provide for predetermined interest payments. Interest amounts will be dependent upon the performance of the consumer price index (excluding tobacco) for all households in metropolitan France, as calculated and published monthly by the INSEE. The amount of interest payable by the Issuer may vary and Noteholders may receive no interest. However, the nominal amount of Inflation Linked Interest Notes repaid at maturity is not indexed.
		Issue specific summary
		[Applicable/Not Applicable]
C.16	Derivative Notes - Maturity	Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, any maturity from one month from the date of original issue.
		Issue specific summary
		[The maturity of the Notes is [•]/Not Applicable].
C.17	Derivative Notes – Settlement procedure	Inflation Linked Interest Notes issued under the Programme as Dematerialised Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear France as central depositary.  Inflation Linked Interest Notes issued under the Programme as Materialised Bearer Notes will be represented initially upon issue by Temporary Global Certificates and have been accepted for clearance through Clearstream, Luxembourg, Euroclear or any other clearing system that may be agreed between the Issuer, the Fiscal Agent and the relevant Dealer.
		Issue specific summary  [The Notes have been accepted for clearance through [Clearstream, Luxembourg], [Euroclear]  [•] / Not Applicable].
C.18	Return on Derivative Notes	Payments of interest in respect of any Inflation Linked Interest Notes shall be determined by multiplying the outstanding nominal amount of such Note by the product of the rate <i>per annum</i> specified in the Final Terms and the relevant Inflation Index Ratio.
		Issue specific summary
		[Applicable/Not Applicable]
C.19	Derivative Notes – Exercise price/ Final reference price	Not Applicable.
C.20	Derivative Notes – Description of Underlying	Inflation Linked Interest Notes are Notes where only the coupons are indexed. In addition to the real yield fixed when the issue is launched applied to a non-indexed principal, the coupon pays the annual change in inflation, applied in percentage of the issue's nominal amount. However, the nominal amount of the Inflation Linked Interest Notes repaid at maturity is not indexed. Inflation Linked Interest Notes are linked to the consumer price index (excluding tobacco) for all households in metropolitan France, as calculated and published monthly by the INSEE: the CPI. The CPI is the official instrument for measuring inflation. It allows an estimation between two given periods of the average change in prices of goods and services consumed by households on French territory. It is a summary gauge of movements in prices of products on a

constant-quality basis.

#### Issue specific summary

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

#### Section D -Risks Factors Prospective investors should consider, among other things, the risk factors relating to GDF **D.2** Key SUEZ, its operations and its industry and which are inherent in investing in Notes under the information on the key risks Programme. These risk factors include the following categories of risks: that are Risks related to the external environment (economic environment, regulatory and specific to the political event, impact of climate, reputational risk); Issuer or its Operating risks (purchases and sales, management of assets and development, legal industry risks, ethical risks, risks related to human resources, risks related to health and safety and protection of Group assets, risks related to information systems); Industrial risks (industrial accidents, environmental pollution, Seveso and equivalent sites, nuclear power plants in Belgium, hydrocarbon exploration-production activities); and Financial risks (commodities market risk, counterparty risk, foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, impairment risk, equity portfolio risk, tax risk, pension funding risk). Any and all of these risks could have a significant adverse effect on GDF SUEZ, its strategy, its operations, its assets, its prospects, its financial position, results or on its share price. **D.3** There are certain factors that may affect GDF SUEZ's ability to fulfil its obligations under Key information on Notes issued under the Programme, including: the key risks General risks relating to the Notes (e.g. independent review and advice, potential that are conflicts of interest, legality of purchase, taxation, liquidity risks, exchange rate risks) specific to the such as: Notes - each prospective investor of Notes must determine, based on its own independent review and such professional advice as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, that its acquisition of the Notes is fully consistent with its financial needs, objectives and condition, is a fit, proper and suitable investment for it, notwithstanding the clear and substantial risks inherent in investing in or holding the Notes; - there can be no assurance of a secondary market for the Notes or the continuity of such market if one develops and there can thus be a lack of liquidity on such market; - the market value of the Notes will be affected by the creditworthiness of the Issuer, and/or that of the Group and a number of additional factors; - potential purchasers and sellers of the Notes should be aware that they may be required to pay taxes or other documentary charges or duties in accordance with the laws and practices of the country where the Notes are transferred or other jurisdictions. Risks relating to the structure of a particular issue of Notes (e.g. optional redemption, Fixed Rate Notes, Floating Rate Notes, Zero Coupon Notes, Inflation Linked Interest Notes): - any optional redemption feature where the Issuer is given the right to redeem the Notes early might negatively affect the market value of such Notes. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally

		will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period;  - investment in Notes which bear interest at a fixed rate involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Notes;  - investment in Notes which bear interest at a floating rate comprise (i) a reference rate and (ii) a margin to be added or subtracted, as the case may be, from such base rate. There will be a periodic adjustment (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) of the reference rate (e.g., every three months or six months). Accordingly, the market value of floating rate Notes may be volatile if changes to the reference rate can only be reflected in the interest rate of these Notes upon the next periodic adjustment of the relevant reference rate.
D.6	Key information on factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the risks associated with Inflation Linked Interest Notes	Potential investors in Inflation Linked Interest Notes should be aware that such Notes are debt securities which do not provide for predetermined interest payments. Interest amounts will be dependent upon the performance of the consumer price index (excluding tobacco) for all households in metropolitan France, as calculated and published monthly by the INSEE. The amount of interest payable by the Issuer may vary and Noteholders may receive no interest. However, the nominal amount of the Notes repaid at maturity is not indexed.

	Section E - Offer						
E.2b	Reason for the offer and use of proceeds	*	each Tranche of Notes will be used by the Issuer for its general of any particular issue of Notes, there is a particular identified d in the relevant Final Terms.				
		Issue specific summary					
		[The net proceeds of the issue of each Tranche of Notes will be used by the Issuer for its general corporate purposes / The net proceeds of the issue of each Tranche of Notes will be used by the Issuer for [•].					
E.3	Terms and conditions of	The relevant Final Terms will specify the terms and conditions of the offer applicable to each Tranche of Notes.					
	the offer	Other than as set out in section A.2 above, neither the Issuer nor any of the Dealers has authorised the making of any Public Offer by any person in any circumstances and such person is not permitted to use the Prospectus in connection with its offer of any Notes. Any such offers are not made on behalf of the Issuer or by any of the Dealers or Authorised Offerors and none of the Issuer or any of the Dealers or Authorised Offerors has any responsibility or liability for the actions of any person making such offers.					
		Issue specific summary					
		[Not Applicable. The Notes are not offered to the public.] [The Notes are offered to the public [France/[●]].					
		Offer price [Issue price/specify]					
		Conditions to which the offer is	subject:				
			[Not Applicable/give details]				

		Offer Period (including any possible amendments):  Description of the application process:	[•]			
			[Not Applicable/give details]			
		Details of the minimum and/or				
		maximum amount of the application:	[Not Applicable/give details]			
		Manner in and date on which results of the				
		offer are made public:	[Not Applicable/give details]]			
E.4	Interests of natural and legal persons	The relevant Final Terms will specify any interestissue of the Notes.	sts of natural and legal persons involved in the			
	involved in the issue of the Notes	Issue specific summary  [So far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer.] [The Dealer[s] will be paid aggregate commissions equal to [●] per cent. of the nominal amount of the Notes.] [So far as the Issuer is aware, no other person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer.] [●]				
E.7	Estimated expenses charged to investor by the Issuer or the offeror	The relevant Final Terms will specify the estimated expenses applicable to Tranche of Notes.  *Issue specific summary**  [The estimated expenses charged to the investor amout to [•]/Not applicable, there are n expenses charged to the investor.]				

## RÉSUMÉ DU PROGRAMME EN FRANCAIS (SUMMARY IN FRENCH OF THE PROGRAMME)

Les résumés contiennent des exigences de publicité appelées « Éléments » dont la communication est requise par l'Annexe XXII du Règlement délégué (UE) n°486/2012 du 30 mars 2012. Ces éléments sont numérotés dans les sections A à E (A.1 –E.7).

Ce résumé contient tous les éléments devant être inclus dans un résumé pour ce type de valeurs mobilières et d'Émetteur. La numérotation des Éléments peut ne pas se suivre en raison du fait que certains Eléments n'ont pas à être inclus.

Bien qu'un Élément doive être inclus dans le résumé du fait du type de valeur mobilière et d'Émetteur concerné, il se peut qu'aucune information pertinente ne puisse être donnée sur cet Élément. Dans ce cas, une brève description de l'Élément est incluse dans le résumé suivie de la mention « Sans objet ».

Ce résumé est fourni dans le cadre de l'émission par l'Emetteur de Titres (tels que définis ci-dessous) (autres que les Titres qui bénéficient de l'exemption à l'obligation de publication d'un prospectus en vertu de la Directive Prospectus (tel que défini ci-dessous)) ayant une valeur nominale unitaire inférieure à 100 000 euros (ou son équivalent dans toute autre monnaie) qui sont offerts au public ou admis à la négociation sur un marché réglementé de l'EEE (tel que défini ci-dessous). Les investisseurs ayant investi dans des Titres ayant une valeur nominale unitaire supérieure à 100 000 euros ne doivent en aucun cas fonder leur décision d'investissement sur ce résumé et l'Emetteur n'accepte aucune responsabilité relative à ce résumé. Le résumé spécifique à ce type d'émission de Titres figurera en annexe des Conditions Définitives (telles que définies ci-après) applicables et comprendra les informations relatives au résumé spécifique à l'émission » figurant ci-dessous, complétées des informations relatives aux Titres concernés.

#### Section A - Introduction et avertissements

- A.1 Ce résumé est fourni dans le cadre d'une émission par GDF SUEZ (l' « Emetteur ») de Titres ayant une valeur nominale unitaire inférieure à 100 000 euros. Ce résumé doit être lu comme une introduction au présent prospectus de base (le « Prospectus de Base »). Toute décision d'investir dans les Titres doit être fondée sur un examen exhaustif du Prospectus de Base par les investisseurs, y compris les documents qui y sont incorporés par référence et tout supplément qui pourrait être publié à l'avenir. Lorsqu'une action concernant l'information contenue dans le présent Prospectus de Base est intentée devant un tribunal, le plaignant peut, selon la législation nationale de l'État Membre de l'Espace Economique Européen (« EEE »), avoir à supporter les frais de traduction de ce Prospectus de Base avant le début de la procédure judiciaire. Seule peut être engagée la responsabilité civile des personnes qui ont présenté le résumé ou la traduction de ce dernier, mais seulement si le contenu du résumé est trompeur, inexact ou contradictoire par rapport aux autres parties du Prospectus de Base ou s'il ne fournit pas, lu en combinaison avec les autres parties du Prospectus de Base, les informations clés permettant d'aider les investisseurs lorsqu'ils envisagent d'investir dans les Titres.
- A.2 Dans le cadre de toute offre de Titres en France et/ou dans toute autre juridiction de l'EEE où le Prospectus de Base a été passporté, le cas échéant (les « Pays de l'Offre Publique ») qui ne bénéficie pas de l'exemption à l'obligation de publication d'un prospectus en vertu de la Directive 2003/71/CE, telle que modifiée (la « Directive Prospectus »), (une « Offre Publique »), l'Émetteur consent à l'utilisation du Prospectus de Base et des Conditions Définitives applicables à l'Offre concernée (ensemble, le « Prospectus ») dans le cadre d'une Offre Publique de tout Titre durant la période d'offre indiquée dans les Conditions Définitives concernées (la « Période d'Offre ») et dans les Pays de l'Offre Publique indiqué(s) dans les Conditions Définitives concernées:
  - (1) sous réserve des conditions prévues dans les Conditions Définitives, par tout intermédiaire financier désigné dans ces Conditions Définitives ; ou
  - (2) si cela est indiqué dans les Conditions Définitives concernées, par tout intermédiaire financier qui remplit les

conditions suivantes : (a) qui agit conformément à toutes les lois, règles, règlementations et recommandations applicables de toute autorité (les «Règles»), y compris, notamment et dans chacun des cas, les Règles relatives à la fois à l'opportunité ou à l'utilité de tout investissement dans les Titres par toute personne et à la divulgation à tout investisseur potentiel; (b) qui respecte les restrictions énoncées dans la partie intitulée "Subscription and Sale" du présent Prospectus de Base qui s'appliquent comme s'il s'agissait d'un Agent Placeur; (c) qui s'assure que tous les frais (et toutes les commissions ou avantages de toute nature) reçus ou payés par cet intermédiaire financier en raison de l'offre ou de la cession des Titres sont entièrement et clairement communiqués aux investisseurs ou aux investisseurs potentiels; (d) qui détient tous les permis, autorisations, approbations et accords nécessaires à la sollicitation, ou à l'offre ou la cession des Titres, en application des Règles ; (e) qui conserve les dossiers d'identification des investisseurs au moins pendant la période minimum requise par les Règles applicables et doit, sur demande, mettre ces registres à la disposition des Agent(s) Placeur(s) concerné(s) et de l'Émetteur ou les mettre directement à la disposition des autorités compétentes dont l'Émetteur et/ou les Agent(s) Placeur(s) concerné(s) dépendent afin de permettre à Émetteur et/ou aux Agent(s) Placeur(s) concerné(s) de respecter les Règles relatives à la lutte contre le blanchiment d'argent, à la lutte contre la corruption et les règles de connaissance du client applicables à l'Émetteur et /ou aux Agent(s) Placeur(s) concerné(s); (f) qui n'entraine pas, directement ou indirectement, la violation d'une Règle par l'Émetteur ou les Agent(s) Placeur(s) concerné(s) ou qui ne soumet pas l'Émetteur ou les Agent(s) Placeur(s) concerné(s) à l'obligation d'effectuer un dépôt, d'obtenir une autorisation ou un accord dans tout pays ; et (g) qui satisfait à tout autre condition spécifiée dans les Conditions Définitives concernées (dans chacun des cas un « Établissement Autorisé »). Afin d'éviter toute ambigüité, ni les Agents Placeurs ni l'Emetteur n'aura d'obligation de s'assurer qu'un Etablissement Autorisé agira en conformité avec toutes les lois et règlementations et, en conséquence, ni les Agents Placeurs ni l'Emetteur ne pourra voir sa responsabilité engagée à ce titre.

L'Émetteur accepte la responsabilité, dans les Pays de l'Offre Publique indiqué(s) dans les Conditions Définitives, du contenu du Prospectus vis-à-vis de toute personne (un « Investisseur ») se trouvant dans ces Pays de l'Offre Publique à qui une offre de tout Titres est faite par tout Établissement Autorisé et lorsque l'offre est faite pendant la période pour laquelle le consentement est donné. Toutefois, ni l'Émetteur ni aucun Agent Placeur n'est responsable des actes commis par tout Établissement Autorisé, y compris concernant le respect des règles de conduite des affaires applicables à l'Établissement Autorisé ou à d'autres obligations réglementaires locales ou à d'autres obligations légales relatives aux valeurs mobilières en lien avec une telle offre applicables à l'Établissement Autorisé.

Le consentement mentionné ci-dessus s'applique à des Périodes d'Offre (le cas échéant) se terminant au plus tard à l'issue d'une période de 12 mois suivant l'approbation du Prospectus de Base par l'Autorité des marchés financiers.

Un Investisseur qui a l'intention d'acquérir ou qui acquiert des Titres auprès d'un Établissement Autorisé le fera, et les offres et cessions des Titres par un Établissement Autorisé à un Investisseur se feront, dans le respect de toutes conditions et autres accords mis en place entre l'Établissement Autorisé et l'Investisseur concernés y compris en ce qui concerne l'allocation du prix et les accords de règlement-livraison (les « Modalités de l'Offre Publique »). L'Émetteur ne sera pas partie à de tels accords avec des Investisseurs (autres que les Agents Placeurs) dans le contexte de l'offre ou la cession des Titres et, en conséquence, le Prospectus de Base et les Conditions Définitives ne comprendront pas ces informations. Les Modalités de l'Offre Publique devront être communiquées aux Investisseurs par l'Établissement Autorisé au moment de l'Offre Publique. Ni l'Émetteur ni aucun des Agents Placeurs ou des Établissements Autorisés ne sont responsables de cette information.

#### Résumé spécifique à l'émission

[Dans le cadre de l'offre des Titres réalisée en [•] (le[s] « Pays de l'Offre Publique »), cette offre ne bénéficiant pas de l'exemption à l'obligation de publication d'un prospectus en vertu de la Directive Prospectus (l'« Offre

Publique »), l'Émetteur consent à l'utilisation du Prospectus dans le cadre de l'Offre Publique des Titres durant la période d'offre allant du [●] au [●] (la « Période d'Offre ») dans le[s] Pays de l'Offre Publique par [●]/[tout intermédiaire financier] (le[s] « Établissement[s] Autorisé[s] »). [Le[s] Établissement[s] Autorisé[s] devra(ont) remplir les conditions suivantes : [●].]

[Afin d'éviter toute ambigüité, ni les Agents Placeurs ni l'Emetteur n'aura d'obligation de s'assurer qu'un Etablissement Autorisé agira en conformité avec toutes les lois et règlementations et, en conséquence, ni les Agents Placeurs ni l'Emetteur ne pourra voir sa responsabilité engagée à ce titre.

L'Émetteur accepte la responsabilité, dans le[s] Pays de l'Offre Publique, du contenu du Prospectus vis-à-vis de toute personne (un « Investisseur ») se trouvant dans le[s] Pays de l'Offre Publique à qui l'offre des Titres est faite par tout Établissement Autorisé et lorsque l'offre est faite pendant la période pour laquelle le consentement est donné. Toutefois, ni l'Émetteur ni aucun Agent Placeur n'est responsable des actes commis par tout Établissement Autorisé, y compris concernant le respect des règles de conduite des affaires applicables à l'Établissement Autorisé ou à d'autres obligations réglementaires locales ou à d'autres obligations légales relatives aux valeurs mobilières en lien avec une telle offre applicables à l'Établissement Autorisé.]

[Un Investisseur qui a l'intention d'acquérir ou qui acquiert des Titres auprès d'un Établissement Autorisé le fera, et les offres et cessions des Titres par un Établissement Autorisé à un Investisseur se feront, dans le respect de toutes conditions et autres accords mis en place entre l'Établissement Autorisé et l'Investisseur concernés y compris en ce qui concerne l'allocation du prix et les accords de règlement-livraison (les « Modalités de l'Offre Publique »). L'Émetteur ne sera pas partie à de tels accords avec des Investisseurs (autres que les Agents Placeurs) dans le contexte de l'offre ou la cession des Titres et, en conséquence, le Prospectus de Base et les Conditions Définitives ne comprendront pas ces informations. Les Modalités de l'Offre Publique devront être communiquées aux Investisseurs par l'Établissement Autorisé au moment de l'Offre Publique. Ni l'Émetteur ni aucun des Agents Placeurs ou des Établissements Autorisés ne sont responsables de cette information.]/[Sans objet].

	Section B – Émetteur						
B.1	La raison sociale et le nom commercial de l'Émetteur	GDF SUEZ (« GDF SUEZ » ou l'« Émetteur », et avec l'ensemble de ses filiales entièrement consolidées, le « Groupe »).					
B.2	Le siège social et la forme juridique de l'Émetteur/la législation qui régit l'activité et le pays d'origine de l'Émetteur	GDF SUEZ est régie par le droit français et constituée en France sous la forme d'une société anonyme à Conseil d'administration soumise aux dispositions législatives et réglementaires applicables aux sociétés commerciales de forme anonyme, sous réserve des lois spécifiques régissant GDF SUEZ, et à ses statuts. Les lois spécifiques régissant GDF SUEZ sont notamment la loi n° 46-628 du 8 avril 1946 sur la nationalisation de l'électricité et du gaz, la loi n° 2003-8 du 3 janvier 2003 relative aux marchés du gaz et de l'électricité et au service public de l'énergie, la loi n° 2004-803 du 9 août 2004 relative au service public de l'électricité, du gaz et aux entreprises électriques et gazières, ainsi que la loi n° 2006-1537 du 7 décembre 2006 relative au secteur de l'énergie. GDF SUEZ est immatriculée au Registre du commerce et des sociétés de Nanterre sous le numéro 542 107 651. Au 31 décembre 2013, le capital social de GDF SUEZ s'établit à 2 412 824 089 euros divisé en 2 412 824 089 actions entièrement libérées de 1 euro de nominal chacune. Son siège social administratif et statutaire est situé au 1, place Samuel de Champlain, 92400 Courbevoie, France.					
B.4b	Une description de	Le groupe GDF SUEZ est un acteur mondial de l'énergie, industriel de référence dans les métiers du gaz, de l'électricité ainsi que des services à l'énergie. Il est présent sur l'ensemble					

#### de la chaîne de valeur de l'énergie, en électricité et en gaz naturel, de l'amont à l'aval : toutes les tendances • achat, production et commercialisation de gaz naturel et d'électricité ; connues • transport, stockage, distribution, développement et exploitation de grandes infrastructures de touchant gaz naturel; l'Émetteur • fourniture de services énergétiques. ainsi que les GDF SUEZ développe un business model équilibré : industries de • par sa présence dans des métiers complémentaires sur toute la chaîne de valeur ; son secteur • par sa présence dans des régions soumises à des cycles économiques et conjoncturels différents, avec une position forte dans les pays émergents aux meilleures perspectives de croissance, position renforcée en 2011 et 2012 avec l'intégration d'International Power. Le Groupe, tout en réaffirmant sa volonté de demeurer un acteur majeur en Europe, leader de la transition énergétique, est ainsi désormais un énergéticien de référence dans le monde émergent; • par sa présence répartie entre des activités exposées aux incertitudes des marchés et d'autres au profil de revenu récurrent (infrastructures, activités de services, contrats de type PPA, etc.); • par un mix énergétique équilibré avec une priorité donnée aux énergies peu ou pas carbonées. Les marchés sur lesquels évolue le Groupe connaissent actuellement des mutations profondes l'augmentation de la demande d'énergie est concentrée dans les pays à forte croissance; en Europe, la transition énergétique a démarré dans de nombreux pays ; l'énergie sera maîtrisée de plus en plus au niveau local, voire individuel (clients «consomm-acteurs»); et le gaz naturel voit son rôle renforcé au niveau mondial : ressources abondantes avec l'essor de la production de gaz de schiste et une demande en forte hausse. Dans ce contexte, les deux priorités stratégiques du Groupe sont : être l'énergéticien de référence dans les pays à forte croissance; et être leader de la transition énergétique en Europe. Les priorités stratégiques de GDF SUEZ se déclinent dans ses différentes activités. En Europe, le Groupe doit s'adapter à la mutation profonde du secteur énergétique et renforcer la priorité donnée au client. À l'international, GDF SUEZ souhaite accélérer son développement, en se positionnant tout au long de la chaîne de valeur et en valorisant la diversification métier et géographique. **B.5** Description du GDF SUEZ (anciennement dénommée « Gaz de France ») est la société mère de tête du Groupe de Groupe et résulte de la fusion-absorption de SUEZ (société absorbée) par Gaz de France l'Émetteur et (société absorbante), par décisions des assemblées générales mixtes des actionnaires de Gaz de la position de France et de SUEZ en date du 16 juillet 2008, laquelle fusion a pris effet le 22 juillet 2008. de l'Émetteur au sein du Groupe **B.9** Prévision ou Sans objet. estimation du bénéfice

B.10	Réserves				ux comptes sur les compte			xercices clos les		
	contenues dans	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·								
	le rapport des									
	Commissaires									
	aux comptes	•								
<b>B.12</b>							cussions sur les			
	financières perspectives de l'émetteur ou du Groupe.									
	sélectionnées	Aucun change	ement sign	nificatif de	e la situation financière o	u commei	rciale de l	'émetteur et du		
		Groupe n'est s	survenu de	epuis le 30	) juin 2014.					
	Les table	eaux ci-dessous	font état d	les chiffre	s clés concernant le comp	te de résu	ltat et le l	oilan du Groupe		
	(données	consolidées) au	ux 31 déce	embre 201	3 et 2012.			-		
	<b>-</b>	- 1441	<i>c</i> :							
		situation								
	Donnees pi	ro forma non au	iditees ave	ec mise er	n équivalence de Suez En	vironnem	ent			
	En Mds€									
	ACTIF		31/12/12(1)	31/12/13	PASSIF	31/12/12(1)	31/12/13			
			31/12/12/		Capitaux propres,					
	ACTIES NON	COLIDANTE	120.2		part du groupe	60,3	48,0			
	ACTIFS NON	COURANTS	128,3	106,8	Participations ne donnant pas	6,1	5,5			
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	ACTIFS COU	RANTS	52,7	52,8	TOTAL CAPITAUX PROPRES	66,4	53,5			
		financiers évalués à le valeur par résultat	0,4	1,0	Provisions	15,6	16,2			
	dont trésore	rie et équivalents de trésorerie	9,1	8,7	Dettes financières	47,5	39,9			
					Autres dettes	51,5	50,0			
	TOTAL ACT	F	181,0	159,6	TOTAL PASSIF	181,0	159,6			
		Dette nette 2013 29,8 Mdx6 = Dettes financières s'élévent à 39,9 Mdx6 - Tintscrerie et équivalents de tréscrerie 8,7 Mdx6 - Actifs financiers évalués à la juste valeur par résultet 1,0 Md6 - Actifs liés au financement 0,1 Md6 (inclus dans les actifs courants et non courants) - instruments financiers dérivés relatifs à la dette 0,3 Md6								
		rpandives au 31 décembre 2012 ont été retraitées du fait de l'application rétrospective de la norme IAS 19 Révisée et du gain de réévaluation de SUEZ								

Compte de résultat simplifié Données pro forma non auditées avec mise en équivalence de Suez Environnement

En M€	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013
CHIFFRE D'AFFAIRES	81 960	81 278
Achats	-48 704	-49 523
Charges de personnel	-9 467	-9 597
Amortissements, dépréciations et provisions	-6 077	-6 053
Autres produits et charges opérationnels	-9 313	-8 864
RESULTAT OPERATIONNEL COURANT	8 399	7 241
MtM, dépréciations d'actifs, restructurations, cessions et autres	-2 275	-14 965
RESULTAT DES ACTIVITES OPERATIONNELLES	6 124	-7 724
Résultat financier dont coût récurrent de l'endettement net dont éléments non récurrents inclus dans le résultat financier dont autres	-2 341 -1 553 -306 -482	-1 754 -1 237 -118 -399
Impôts dont impôts exigibles dont impôts différés	-1 883 -2 369 486	-620 -2 171 1 551
Part dans les entreprises associées	480	513
Résultat net des participations ne donnant pas le contrôle	-836	-152
RESULTAT NET PART DU GROUPE	1 544	-9737
ЕВІТОА	14 600	13 419

Les tableaux ci-dessous font état des chiffres clés concernant le compte de résultat et le bilan du Groupe (données consolidées) au 30 juin 2014

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# Etat de situation financière simplifié

en Mds€

ACTIF	31/12/13(1)	30/06/14	PASSIF	31/12/13(1)	
			Capitaux propres, part du groupe	47,9	
ACTIFS NON COURANTS	106,2	109,5	Participations ne donnant pas le contrôle	5,7	
ACTIFS COURANTS	50,3	50,5	TOTAL CAPITAUX PROPRES	53,6	
Dont actifs financiers évalués à la juste valeur par résultat	1,0	1,1	Provisions	16,1	
Dont trésorerie et équivalents de trésorerie	8,7	11,4	Dettes financières	39,3	
			Autres dettes	47,5	

TOTAL ACTIF	156,5	160,0
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TOTAL PASSIF 156,5 160,0

Dette nette au 30,05/2014 : 25,0 MdsE = dettes financières s'élevant à 39,1 MdsE - trésorerie et équivalents de trésorerie 11,4 MdsE - actifs financières évalués à la juste valeur par résultat 1,1 MdsE - actifs liés aux financements 0,1 Mds (inclus dans les actifs courants et non courants) - instruments financières dérivés relatifs à la dette 0,5 MdsE

Les données comparatives au 31 décembre 2013 ont été retraitées du fait de la nouvelle définition de l'Ebitda et de l'application des normes IFRS 10/11



## Compte de résultat simplifié

En M€	S1 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	S1 2014
CHIFFRE D'AFFAIRES	42 058	39,415
Achats	-25 802	-24 200
Charges de personnel	-4 913	-4 821
Amortissements, dépréciations et provisions	-2 598	-2 100
Autres produits et charges opérationnels	-3 994	-4 223
Quote-part du résultat net des entreprises mises en équivalence	327	275
RESULTAT OPERATIONNEL COURANT après quote-part du résultat net des entreprises mises en équivalence	5 077	4 346
MtM, dépréciations d'actifs, restructurations et cessions	- 772	904
RESULTAT DES ACTIVITES OPERATIONNELLES	4 305	5 250
Résultat financier (charge) dont coût de l'endettement net récurrent dont éléments non récurrents du résultat financier dont autres	- 803 - 640 62 - 225	-921 -491 -209 -218
Impôts dont impôts exigibles dont impôts différés	- 1 371 -1 314 - 57	-1 258 -1 016 -242
Résultat net des participations ne donnant pas le contrôle	- 392	-441
RESULTAT NET PART DU GROUPE	1 739	2 630
EBITDA	7 716	6 619

(1) Les données comparatives du \$1.2013 ont été retraîtées du fait de la nouvelle définition de l'Ebildia et de l'application des normes IFRS 10/1



# B.13 Evénement récent propre à l'Emetteur présentant un intérêt significatif pour l'évaluation de sa solvabilité

Le 9 septembre 2014, GDF SUEZ a pris connaissance de la décision de l'Autorité de la Concurrence relative à une demande de mesures conservatoires présentée par un fournisseur alternatif dans les secteurs du gaz et de l'électricité, qui a accusé GDF SUEZ de faire usage d'un abus de position dominante. Le Groupe conteste fermement cette accusation en rappellant que les marchés du gaz naturel sont déjà fortement concurrentiels, depuis leur ouverture progressive aux clients non résidentiels en 2000 puis 2004 et aux résidentiels en 2007. Sur le marché des particuliers, les fournisseurs alternatifs possèdent 14,7% de parts de marché sur les sites de consommation, et 14,9% sur les volumes de consommation annualisée et réalisent 58,6% des ventes brutes. Sur le marché des clients non résidentiels, les fournisseurs alternatifs possèdent 26,2% de parts de marché sur les sites de consommation, et 49,6% sur les volumes de consommation annualisée et réalisent 60% des ventes brutes. Le Groupe étudie l'ensemble des options possibles, y compris de faire appel de cette décision.

Le 25 août 2014, GDF SUEZ, en coopération avec son partner PEMEX, a annoncé le lancement de la construction du gazoduc Ramones Phase II South (Ramones II South), segment du gazoduc Ramones considéré comme l'un des projets d'infrastructure énergétiques les plus importants de l'histoire du Mexique, puisqu'il s'étend de la frontière du Texas jusqu'au centre du Mexique. GDF SUEZ assurera l'exploitation et la maintenance du projet à dater de son achèvement prévu avant la fin 2015. Le projet devrait créer 1 480 emplois dans le secteur de la construction et 3 000 emplois indirects.

Le 14 août 2014, GDF SUEZ a annoncé la signature d'un accord pour la vente de ses actifs au Panama et au Costa Rica à Celsia, une entreprise colombienne. La transaction engendrera une

réduction d'environ un milliard de dollars US de la dette nette consolidée de GDF SUEZ et sera finalisée fin 2014. Le 7 août 2014, GDF SUEZ et ses partenaires dans le projet Cameron LNG annoncent la Décision Finale d'Investissement pour la construction de l'usine de liquéfaction. Cameron LNG est situé dans une zone industrielle le lond fu canal Calcasieu à Hackberry en Louisiane. Le coût total des travaux de construction s'élève à environ 10 milliards de dollars. La production du premier train doit commencer début 2018, avec les deuxième et troisième trains attendus en 2018 et 2019. **B.14** Degré de la GDF SUEZ (anciennement dénommée Gaz de France) est la société mère de tête du Groupe. dépendance de Toutefois, GDF SUEZ exerce une activité économique propre ; elle ne joue pas vis-à-vis de l'Émetteur à ses filiales le rôle d'une simple holding. Le nombre de filiales directes ou indirectes de GDF l'égard SUEZ (contrôle majoritaire) était d'environ 1 600 à fin 2013. d'autres entités du Groupe **B.15 Principales** Le Groupe est présent sur l'ensemble de la chaîne de valeur de l'énergie, en électricité et en activités de gaz naturel, de l'amont à l'aval, notamment en : l'Émetteur achat, production et commercialisation de gaz naturel et d'électricité; transport, stockage, distribution, développement et exploitation de grandes infrastructures de gaz naturel; et fourniture de services énergétiques. Au 31 décembre 2013, GDF Suez est organisé, sur le plan opérationnel, autour de 5 branches : la branche Énergie Europe; la branche Énergie International; la branche Global Gaz et GNL; la branche Infrastructures : et la branche Services. **B.16** Entité(s) ou GDF SUEZ est une entreprise cotée et ses actions sont admises aux négociations sur Euronext Paris ; elles sont également cotées à Euronext Bruxelles. personne(s) détenant ou À la connaissance de l'Émetteur, au 31 décembre 2013, seul l'État français détient une contrôlant participation en capital ou en droits de vote de GDF SUEZ supérieure à l'un des seuils légaux. directement ou GDF SUEZ n'a pas connaissance d'autres actionnaires détenant au moins 5 pour cent du indirectement capital de GDF SUEZ et lui ayant fait parvenir une déclaration de franchissement de seuil l'Émetteur légal. Aux termes de la loi n° 2004-803 du 9 août 2004, telle que modifiée par la loi n° 2006-1537 du 7 décembre 2006, l'État doit détenir à tout moment plus du tiers du capital de GDF SUEZ. Conformément à l'article 7 VI de la loi n° 2014-384 du 29 mars 2014, l'obligation d'atteindre ce seuil minimum de participation est remplie si l'État détient plus du tiers du capital ou des droits de vote de GDF SUEZ. L'Etat peut par ailleurs déroger temporairement à cette obligation de détenir plus du tiers du capital ou des droits de vote, à condition d'atteindre le seuil de détention minimum prévu par la loi dans un délai de deux ans. Conformément à l'article 24.1 de la loi n° 2004-803 du 9 août 2004 et au décret n° 2007-1790 du 20 décembre 2007, le capital social de GDF SUEZ comprend une action spécifique résultant de la transformation d'une action ordinaire appartenant à l'État français, en vue de préserver les intérêts essentiels de la France dans le secteur de l'énergie relatifs à la continuité et à la

sécurité d'approvisionnement en énergie. En application de la loi du 7 décembre 2006 susvisée, l'action spécifique confère à l'État, et de manière pérenne, le droit de s'opposer aux décisions de GDF SUEZ et de ses filiales de droit français, ayant pour objet, directement ou indirectement, de céder sous quelque forme que ce soit, de transférer l'exploitation, d'affecter à titre de sûreté ou garantie, ou de changer la destination de certains actifs visés par le décret, s'il considère cette décision contraire aux intérêts essentiels de la France dans le secteur de l'énergie relatifs à la continuité et à la sécurité d'approvisionnement en énergie.

## B.17 Notation assignée à l'Émetteur ou à ses titres d'emprunt

Le Programme (tel que défini ci-après) a été noté A par Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services France SAS (« S&P ») et les titres non subordonnés non assortis de sûretés et les titres court terme de l'Émetteur au titre du Programme ont été respectivement notés A1 et Prime-1 par Moody's Investors Service Ltd (« Moody's »). GDF SUEZ est actuellement noté A1/P-1 avec perspective stable par Moody's et A avec perspective négative/A-1 par S&P. S&P et Moody's sont établies dans l'Union Européenne et sont enregistrées au titre du Règlement (CE) N° 1060/2009, tel que modifié (le « Règlement CRA »). S&P et Moody's apparaissent chacun dans la liste des agences de notation enregistrées publiée par l'ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority) sur son site Internet conformément au Règlement CRA.

Les Titres émis dans le cadre du Programme peuvent ne pas être notés ou avoir une notation différente de la notation actuelle de GDF SUEZ. Les Conditions Définitives concernées préciseront si les notations de crédit sont ou non émises par une agence de notation établie dans l'Union Européenne et enregistrée conformément au Règlement CRA. Une notation ne constitue pas une recommandation d'achat, de vente ou de détention des titres et peut à tout moment être suspendue, modifiée ou faire l'objet d'un retrait par l'agence de notation concernée.

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Notation de crédit : [Sans objet]/[Les Titres qui seront émis [ont

été/devraient être] notés]/ [Le Programme est

noté]:

[S & P : [•]] [Moody's : [•]]] [[*Autre*]: [•]]

### B.18 Nature et portée de la Garantie

GDF SUEZ peut, à tout moment, transférer l'intégralité de ses droits, obligations et engagements au titre des Titres à une filiale consolidée par intégration globale de GDF SUEZ. Dans ce cas, GDF SUEZ garantirait de manière inconditionnelle et irrévocable tous paiements en vertu des titres dans le cadre d'une garantie autonome de GDF SUEZ (la « Garantie »).

La garantie constitue un engagement inconditionnel, non subordonné et (sans préjudice des stipulations de la Modalité 4 des Modalités des Titres qui est résumée dans le paragraphe « Maintien de l'emprunt à son rang » ci-dessous (voir C.8)) non assorti de sûretés du Garant venant au même rang (à l'exception de certaines obligations bénéficiant d'une priorité en application de la loi) que tout autre engagement, endettement et garantie présent ou futur non assorti de sûreté et non subordonné, du Garant.

Pour tout paiement effectué par le Garant au titre de la Garantie, si le Garant est tenu en vertu de la loi de procéder à une déduction au titre de tout impôt, droit, frais ou taxe présents ou futurs, de quelque nature qu'ils soient, établis ou prélevés conformément au droit français, il devra payer, dans les limites autorisées par le droit français, de tels montants additionnels de telle sorte que les Porteurs de Titres reçoivent, après une telle déduction, le montant dû et exigible au titre de ces Titres.

		Toute référence dans ce résumé au « <b>Garant</b> » désigne GDF SUEZ, en sa capacité de garant des Titres, en cas de substitution d'émetteur.
B.19	Informations sur le Garant	En cas de substitution de l'Emetteur, GDF SUEZ agirait comme garant. Les informations concernant le Garant sont décrites dans cette Section B.

	Section C – Valeurs mobilières			
C.1	Nature et	Les Titres seront émis par souche (chacune une « Souche »), à une même date ou à des dates		
	catégorie des	d'émission différentes et seront soumis pour leurs autres caractéristiques à des modalités		
	Titres	identiques (à l'exception du premier paiement d'intérêts), les Titres de chaque Souche étant		
		supposés être fongibles entre eux. Chaque Souche peut être émise par tranche (chacune une		
		« Tranche ») à une même date d'émission ou à des dates d'émission différentes. Les		
		modalités spécifiques de chaque Tranche (qui seront complétées si nécessaire par des		
		modalités supplémentaires et seront identiques aux modalités des autres Tranches de la même		
		Souche, à l'exception de la date d'émission, du prix d'émission, du premier paiement		
		d'intérêts et du montant nominal de la Tranche) figureront dans des Conditions Définitives		
		complétant le présent Prospectus de Base (les « Conditions Définitives »).		
		Les Titres seront émis dans le cadre d'émissions syndiquées ou non syndiquées.		
		Les Titres peuvent être émis soit sous forme de titres dématérialisés (« Titres		
		Dématérialisés »), soit sous forme de titres matérialisés (« Titres Matérialisés »). Les Titres		
		Dématérialisés ne pourront pas être échangés contre des Titres Matérialisés et les Titres		
		Matérialisés ne pourront pas être échangés contre des Titres Dématérialisés.		

Les Conditions Définitives concernées indiqueront si les Titres Dématérialisés sont émis au porteur ou au nominatif.

Les Titres Matérialisés seront émis au porteur (« **Titres Matérialisés au Porteur** ») uniquement. Un certificat global temporaire émis au porteur sans coupon d'intérêts attaché (un « **Certificat Global Temporaire** ») relatif à chaque Tranche de Titres Matérialisés au Porteur sera initialement émis. Les Titres Matérialisés pourront uniquement être émis hors de France et hors des États-Unis d'Amérique.

Les Porteurs (tels que définis ci-après) de Titres Dématérialisés n'auront pas la possibilité de convertir leurs Titres au nominatif en Titres au porteur et vice versa.

Les Porteurs de Titres Dématérialisés au nominatif, auront la possibilité de convertir leurs Titres au nominatif pur en Titres au nominatif administré et vice versa.

Les Titres seront déposés auprès d'Euroclear France en tant que dépositaire central pour les Titres Dématérialisés et Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (« Clearstream, Luxembourg"), Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (« Euroclear ») ou tout autre système de compensation convenu par l'Émetteur, l'agent financier dans le cadre du Programme (l' « Agent Financier ») et l'Agent Placeur (tel que défini ci-après) concerné pour les Titres Matérialisés. Les transferts entre les participants auprès d'Euroclear et Clearstream Luxembourg, d'une part, et les teneurs de compte auprès d'Euroclear France (les « Teneurs de Compte auprès d'Euroclear France »), d'autre part, seront effectués directement ou via leurs dépositaires respectifs conformément aux règles applicables et aux procédures mises en place dans ce but par Euroclear et Clearstream Luxembourg, d'une part, et Euroclear France d'autre part.

Un numéro d'identification des Titres (code ISIN) et un code commun seront indiqués dans les Conditions Définitives applicables.

		Résumé spécifique à l'émission	
		Souche N°:	[•]
		Tranche N°:	[•]
		Montant nominal total :	
		(i) Souche:	[•]
		(ii) Tranche :	[•]
		Forme des Titres :	[Titres dématérialisés au Porteur]/[Titres dématérialisés au Nominatif]/ Titres matérialisés
		ISIN:	[•]
		Code commun :	[•]
		Dépositaire Central :	[•]
		Tout système de règlement-livraison autre	
		qu'Euroclear et Clearstream Luxembourg et les numéros d'identification applicables :	[Sans objet]/[donner le(s) nom(s) et le(s) numéro(s) [et le(s) adresse(s)]]
C.2	Devises	Sous réserve du respect de toutes les lois, règlementations et directives applicables, les Titres peuvent être émis en euro, dollar américain, yen japonais, franc suisse, livre sterling et en toute autre devise qui pourrait être convenue entre GDF SUEZ et les Agents Placeurs concernés.	
		Résumé spécifique à l'émission	
		La devise des Titres est [•].	
C.5	Une description de toute restriction imposée à la libre négociabilité des Titres	Sans objet. Il n'existe pas de restriction imposée à la libre négociabilité des Titres.	
C.8	<b>Description des</b>	Description du Programme	
	droits attachés aux Titres	Jusqu'à 25 000 000 000 d'euros (ou la contre-valeur de ce montant dans toute autre devise, calculée à la date d'émission) représentant le montant nominal total des Titres en circulation à tout moment, y compris les Titres de tout émetteur substitué à GDF SUEZ, dans le cadre du Programme Euro Medium Term Note arrangé par Deutsche Bank AG, Paris Branch (le « <b>Programme</b> »).	
		Les agents placeurs dans le cadre du Programme (les « Agents Placeurs ») sont :	
		Barclays Bank PLC BNP PARIBAS	
		Citigroup Global Markets Limited	
		Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Banl	k
		Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch	
		HSBC Bank plc	
		Merrill Lynch International	

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L'Émetteur pourra à tout moment mettre fin au mandat de tout agent placeur dans le cadre du Programme ou nommer des agents placeurs supplémentaires soit dans le cadre d'une seule ou de plusieurs Tranches ou dans le cadre du Programme. Le terme « Agents Placeurs Permanents » dans le présent résumé fait référence aux Agents Placeurs listés ci-dessus et à toute personne supplémentaire ayant été nommée dans le cadre du Programme (et dont le mandat n'est pas encore terminé) et le terme « Agents Placeurs » renvoie à tous les Agents Placeurs Permanents et toutes les personnes nommées en tant qu'agent placeur dans le cadre d'une ou plusieurs Tranches.

### • Prix d'émission

Les Titres peuvent être émis à leur valeur nominale ou avec escompte ou prime par rapport à leur valeur nominale.

### • Valeur(s) nominale(s) unitaire(s)

Les Titres seront émis à la(aux) valeur(s) nominale(s) indiquée(s) dans les Conditions Définitives concernées, étant entendu que la valeur nominale unitaire minimale de chaque Titre sera de 1 000 euros (ou, si les Titres sont libellés dans une devise autre que l'euro, la contre-valeur de ce montant dans cette devise calculée à la date d'émission) ou tout autre montant supérieur qui serait autorisé ou requis par la banque centrale concernée (ou une autre autorité équivalente) ou par toute loi ou règlementation applicable à la devise choisie.

A moins que les lois et règlements alors en vigueur n'en disposent autrement, les Titres (y compris les Titres libellés en livre sterling) qui ont une maturité inférieure à un an à compter de la date d'émission initiale et pour lesquels GDF SUEZ percevra le produit de l'émission au Royaume-Uni ou dont l'émission constitue une contravention aux dispositions de la section 19 du Financial Services and Markets Act de 2000, auront une valeur nominale minimum de 100 000 livres sterling (ou la contre-valeur de ce montant dans d'autres devises).

### • Rang des Titres

Les Titres constitueront des engagements inconditionnels, non subordonnés et (sans préjudice des stipulations de la Modalité 4 des Modalités des Titres qui est résumée dans le paragraphe « Maintien de l'emprunt à son rang » ci-dessous), non assortis de sûretés de l'Émetteur venant au même rang entre eux et (à l'exception de certaines obligations bénéficiant d'une priorité en application de la loi) au même rang que tout autre engagement, endettement et garantie présent ou futur non assorti de sûreté et non subordonné, de l'Émetteur.

### • Maintien de l'emprunt à son rang

Aussi longtemps que des Titres ou, le cas échéant, des coupons ou reçus attachés aux Titres seront en circulation, l'Émetteur [ou, le cas échéant, le Garant,] n'accordera pas d'hypothèque, de gage, nantissement, ou toute autre sûreté réelle qui ne soit pas créée sur de la trésorerie sur l'un quelconque de ses actifs tangibles ou intangibles ou revenus, présents ou futurs, au bénéfice des porteurs de ses autres obligations, titres ou autres valeurs mobilières [ou, dans le cas du Garant, au bénéfice de tout autre porteur d'obligations, de titres ou d'autres valeurs mobilières qu'il garantit,] d'une durée supérieure à un an qui sont (ou sont susceptibles d'être) cotés, listés ou admis aux négociations sur toute bourse de valeurs, à moins que les obligations de l'Émetteur découlant des Titres ne bénéficient d'une sûreté équivalente et de même rang.

Nonobstant ce qui précède, l'Émetteur [ou, le cas échéant, le Garant], pourra garantir toute dette d'emprunt présente ou future au bénéfice de porteurs d'obligations, de titres ou d'autres valeurs mobilières [ou, dans le cas du Garant, au bénéfice de tout autre porteur d'obligations,

de titres ou d'autres valeurs mobilières qu'il garantit,] qui sont (ou sont susceptibles d'être) cotés, listés ou admis aux négociations sur toute bourse de valeurs, quand cette dette est contractée dans le but de, et les produits sont utilisés pour, (i) l'achat d'un actif et cette sûreté est consentie sur cet actif, (ii) le refinancement d'une dette contractée dans le but de (i) cidessus, à la condition que la sûreté soit consentie sur le même actif.

### Accélération croisée

Les titres pourront devenir exigibles à leur montant nominal majoré des intérêts courus (i) en cas de défaut de paiement par l'Émetteur [ou le Garant] à la date de remboursement prévue ou anticipée ou à l'expiration de tout délai de grâce applicable pour un montant en principal supérieur à 150 millions d'euros (ou son équivalent en toute autre devise) d'une dette d'emprunt ou d'une garantie pour une dette d'emprunt contractée par un tiers ; et (ii) (dans les cas où la date d'exigibilité n'est pas la date d'échéance) si cette dette a été accélérée.

### • Fiscalité

Les paiements du principal, des intérêts et autres produits effectués par ou pour le compte de l'Émetteur se rapportant aux Titres ne seront pas soumis à une retenue à la source ou à une déduction d'impôts, droits, assiettes ou charges gouvernementales d'une quelconque nature, imposée, prélevée, collectée, retenue ou fixée par la France ou en France ou toute autre autorité française ayant le pouvoir de prélever l'impôt, à moins que cette retenue à la source ou déduction ne soit imposée par la loi. Si une telle retenue ou déduction doit être effectuée, l'Émetteur sera tenu de majorer ses paiements dans la mesure autorisée par la loi et sous réserve de certaines exceptions.

### • **Droit applicable**

Les Titres et toutes les obligations non-contractuelles issues de ou qui y sont liées, sont régis par le droit français.

Les termes ci-dessus utilisés entre crochets s'appliquent aux Titres garantis par GDF SUEZ, en cas de substitution de l'Émetteur, tel que plus amplement décrit aux paragraphes B.18 et B.19 ci-dessus.

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Prix d'émission :

[•] % du Montant Nominal Total [majoré des intérêts courus à compter de [insérer la date] jusqu'à [la Date d'Emission/insérer une autre date] (exclue) (si applicable)].

Valeur[s] nominale[s] unitaire[s]:

# C.9 Intérêts, échéance et modalités de remboursemen t, rendement et représentation des Porteurs des Titres

### • Titres à Taux Fixe

Les coupons fixes seront payables à terme échu à la date ou aux dates de chaque année prévues par les Conditions Définitives.

[•]

### • Titres à Taux Variable

Les Titres à Taux Variable porteront intérêt déterminé de façon différente pour chaque Souche, comme suit:

- (i) sur la même base que le taux variable applicable à une opération d'échange de taux d'intérêt notionnel dans la devise prévue concernée, conformément à un contrat incluant les Définitions ISDA 2006 telles que publiées par la *International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.* ou
- (ii) par référence au LIBOR, EURIBOR ou au EUR CMS (ou toute autre référence prévue dans les Conditions Définitives applicables), tels qu'ajustés des marges applicables.

Les périodes d'intérêts seront précisées dans les Conditions Définitives applicables.

### <u>Titres à Coupon Zéro</u>

Les Titres à Coupon Zéro seront émis à leur valeur nominale ou à escompte et ne porteront pas intérêt.

### • <u>Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation</u>

L'Émetteur pourra émettre des Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation dont l'intérêt sera calculé à partir d'un ratio de l'indice d'inflation, ce ratio étant lui-même déterminé grâce à l'indice des prix à la consommation (hors tabac) des ménages en France métropolitaine calculé et publié mensuellement par l'Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques (« INSEE ») (le « Ratio de l'Indice d'Inflation »).

### • Périodes d'intérêt et taux d'intérêts

La durée des périodes d'intérêts et le taux d'intérêt applicable ou sa méthode de calcul pourront être les mêmes ou non pour chaque Souche. Les Titres pourront avoir un taux d'intérêt maximum, un taux d'intérêt minimum, ou les deux. L'utilisation des périodes d'intérêts courus permet de prévoir des taux d'intérêts différents des Titres pour la même période d'intérêts. Ces informations seront prévues dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.

### Echéances

Sous réserve du respect de toutes les lois, règlementations et directives applicables, toute échéance d'un mois minimum à compter de la date d'émission initiale.

### • Remboursement

Les Conditions Définitives concernées définiront la base de calcul des montants de remboursement dûs.

A moins que les lois et règlements alors en vigueur n'en disposent autrement, les Titres (y compris les Titres libellés en livre sterling) qui ont une maturité inférieure à un an à compter de la date d'émission initiale et pour lesquels l'Émetteur percevra le produit de l'émission au Royaume-Uni ou dont l'émission constitue une contravention aux dispositions de la section 19 du FSMA, auront une valeur nominale minimum de 100 000 livres sterling (ou la contrevaleur de ce montant dans d'autres devises).

### • Remboursement anticipé au gré de l'Émetteur : Make-Whole

Si les Conditions Définitives le prévoient, l'Émetteur aura l'option, pour chaque émission de Titres, de rembourser les Titres, en partie ou intégralement, à tout moment, avant leur Date d'Echéance (telle qu'indiquée dans les Conditions Définitives) (et si l'option Residual Call Option est applicable, au plus tard à la date de Date de Remboursement Anticipée (telle que définie dans le paragraphe « Remboursement anticipé au gré de l'Émetteur : Residual Call Option » ci-après)), à leur Montant de Remboursement Optionnel (tel que défini ci-après). Ce Montant de Remboursement Optionnel sera le montant le plus élevé entre (x) 100 pour cent du montant nominal des Titres ainsi remboursés et, (y) la somme entre la valeur actualisée des sommes restant dues en principal et des intérêts afférents à ces Titres (à l'exception des intérêts courus sur les Titres jusqu'à la Date de Remboursement Optionnel concernée (exclue)) réduits à la Date de Remboursement Optionnel concernée (telle qu'indiquée dans les Conditions Définitives), sur une base annuelle au Taux de Référence (tel qu'indiqué dans les Conditions Définitives) majoré de la Marge de Remboursement (telle qu'indiquée dans les Conditions Définitives), et auquel s'ajoute dans les cas (x) et (y), tout intérêt couru sur les Titres jusqu'à la Date de Remboursement Optionnel (exclue) (le « Montant de Remboursement Optionnel »).

### • Remboursement anticipé au gré de l'Émetteur : Residual Call Option

Si les Conditions Définitives le prévoient, l'Émetteur aura l'option, pour chaque émission de Titres, de rembourser les Titres, en partie ou intégralement, à tout moment, à partir de la Date de Remboursement Anticipée (telle qu'indiquée dans les Conditions Définitives) jusqu'à la Date d'Echéance, au pair majoré des intérêts courus jusqu'à la date effective de remboursement (exclue). La Date de Remboursement Anticipée ne pourra être antérieure à 90 jours avant la Date d'Echéance.

### • Option de remboursement

Les Conditions Définitives préparées à l'occasion de chaque émission de Titres indiqueront si ceux-ci peuvent être remboursés avant la date d'échéance prévue au gré de l'Émetteur (en totalité ou en partie) et/ou des porteurs de Titres (« **Porteurs de Titres** ») et, si tel est le cas, les modalités applicables à ce remboursement.

### • Remboursement en plusieurs versements

Les Conditions Définitives préparées à l'occasion de chaque émission de Titres qui sont remboursables en deux versements ou plus stipuleront les dates et les montants auxquels ces Titres sont remboursables.

### • Remboursement anticipé

Sous réserve de ce qui est prévu dans les paragraphes « Remboursement anticipé au gré de l'Émetteur : *Make-Whole* », « Remboursement anticipé au gré de l'Émetteur : *Residual Call Option* » et « Option de Remboursement » ci-dessus, les Titres seront remboursables à l'option de l'Émetteur avant la date d'échéance prévue pour raisons fiscales uniquement.

### • Rendement

Les Conditions Définitives de chaque émission de Titres à Taux Fixe préciseront le rendement des Titres.

### • Représentation des Porteurs de Titres

En ce qui concerne la représentation des Porteurs de Titres, les paragraphes suivants s'appliqueront:

- (a) Si les Conditions Définitives concernées spécifient « Pas de Masse », les Porteurs de Titres ne seront pas groupés, au titre de toutes les Tranches d'une même Souche, pour la défense de leurs intérêts communs en une masse (la « Masse ») et les dispositions du Code de commerce relatives à la Masse ne s'appliqueront pas.
- (b) Si les Conditions Définitives concernées spécifient « Masse Complète », les Porteurs de Titres seront groupés automatiquement, au titre de toutes les Tranches d'une même Souche, pour la défense de leurs intérêts communs en une Masse et les dispositions du Code de commerce relatives à la Masse s'appliqueront.
- (c) Si les Conditions Définitives concernées spécifient « Masse Contractuelle », les Porteurs de Titres seront groupés automatiquement, au titre de toutes les Tranches d'une même Souche, pour la défense de leurs intérêts communs en une Masse. La Masse sera régie par les dispositions du Code de commerce, à l'exception des articles L.228-48, L.228-59, L.228-65 I 3° uniquement dans le cas d'un transfert d'actifs de GDF SUEZ à une filiale consolidée par intégration globale pour des besoins réglementaires, la deuxième phrase de l'article L.228-65 II et les articles R.228-67 et R.228-69.

Si les Conditions Définitives indiquent que les stipulations des paragraphes (b) ou (c) sont applicables, la Masse agira par l'intermédiaire d'un représentant (le « **Représentant** ») et en

		partie par l'intermédiaire d'une assemblée générale des Porteurs de Titres. Les noms et adresses du premier Représentant et de son remplaçant seront précisés dans les Conditions Définitives concernées. Le Représentant désigné dans le cadre de la première Tranche de toutes Souches des Titres sera le représentant de la Masse unique de toutes les autres Tranches de ces Souches.		
		Résumé spécifique à l'émission		
		Taux d'Intérêt :	[Taux Fixe [●]%] [Taux Variable [●] +/- [●]%] [Coupon Zéro] [Indexé sur l'Inflation]	
		Date de Commencement des Intérêts :	[Préciser/Date d'Emission/Sans Objet]	
		Date d'Echéance :	[Préciser la date ou (pour les Titres à Taux Variable) la Date de Paiement des Intérêts tombant le ou le plus près du jour et/ou mois et de l'année concernée]	
		Montant de Remboursement Final de		
		chaque Titre :	[•] par Valeur Nominale Unitaire	
		Remboursement en plusieurs Versements : [Les Titres sont remboursables en versements de [•] payables le [•], [•]]/[Sans objet]		
		Remboursement Optionnel au gré de l'Emetteur/du Porteur de Titres	[Remboursement Optionnel au gré de l'Emetteur] [Remboursement Optionnel au gré du Porteur de Titres]	
			[Make-Whole] [Residual Call Option]	
			[Remboursement Optionnel au gré du Porteur de Titres en cas de Changement de Contrôle] [Sans objet]	
		Montant de Remboursement Optionnel :	[Applicable : [●] par Valeur Nominale Unitaire/Sans objet]	
		Montant de Remboursement Anticipé :	[Applicable : [●] par Valeur Nominale Unitaire/ Sans objet]	
		Rendement (des Titres à Taux Fixe) :	[Applicable]/[Sans objet]	
C.10	Paiement des intérêts liés à un (des) instrument(s) dérivé(s)	A l'exception des Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation, les Titres émis dans le cadre du Programme ne sont liés à aucun instrument dérivé. Les Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation sont liés à l'indice des prix à la consommation (hors tabac) des ménages en France métropolitaine calculé et publié mensuellement par l'INSEE.		
C.11	Cotation et admission à la négociation	Les Titres émis dans le cadre du Programme peuvent être cotés et admis à la négociation sur Euronext Paris ou sur toute autre bourse indiquée dans les Conditions Définitives concernées. Une Souche de Titres pourra ne faire l'objet d'aucune cotation.		

		Résumé spécifique à l'émission
		[[Une demande a été faite]/[Une demande doit être faite] par l'Emetteur (ou au nom et pour le compte de l'Emetteur) en vue de la cotation et de l'admission des Titres aux négociations sur [[Euronext Paris]/[•]] à compter de [•]]/[Sans objet]
C.15	Description de l'impact de la valeur sous- jacent sur la valeur de l'investissemen t	Les Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation sont des titres de créance dont le montant d'intérêt n'est pas prédéterminé. Les montants dûs au titre de l'intérêt seront dépendants de la performance de l'indice des prix à la consommation (hors tabac) des ménages en France métropolitaine calculé et publié mensuellement par l'INSEE. Le montant des intérêts payable par l'Émetteur pourra varier et les Porteurs de Titres pourraient ne pas recevoir d'intérêt. Toutefois, le montant nominal des Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation remboursé à maturité n'est pas indexé.
		Résumé spécifique à l'émission [Applicable/Sans objet]
C.16	Titres Dérivés - Echéance	Sous réserve du respect de toutes les lois, règlementations et directives applicables, toute échéance d'un mois minimum à compter de la date d'émission initiale.  *Résumé spécifique à l'émission*  [Applicable/Sans objet]
C.17	Titres Dérivés  – Règlement- livraison	Les Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation émis dans le cadre du Programme sous forme de Titres Dématérialisés seront déposés auprès d'Euroclear France en tant que dépositaire central. Les Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation émis dans le cadre du Programme sous forme de Titres Matérialisés au Porteur seront initialement émis sous la forme de Certificats Globaux Temporaires et seront déposés auprès de Clearstream, Luxembourg, Euroclear ou tout autre système de compensation convenu par l'Émetteur, l'Agent Financier et l'Agent Placeur concerné.  *Résumé spécifique à l'émission*  [Les Titres ont été déposés auprès de [Clearstream, Luxembourg]/[Euroclear]/[•]]/[Sans objet].
C.18	Produit des Titres Dérivés	Les paiements d'intérêts se rapportant aux Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation seront déterminés en multipliant le montant nominal en circulation de ces Titres par le produit du taux annuel indiqué dans les Conditions Définitives et du Ratio de l'Indice d'Inflation concerné.  *Résumé spécifique à l'émission*  [Applicable/Sans objet]
C.19	Titres Dérivés  – Prix d'exercice / Prix de référence final	Sans objet.
C.20	Titres Dérivés  – Description du sous-jacent	Les Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation sont des Titres dont seul l'intérêt est indexé. En plus du rendement fixé au moment de l'émission appliqué à un montant nominal non-indexé, l'intérêt est déterminé en appliquant la variation annuelle de l'inflation, exprimée en pourcentage, au montant nominal des Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation. Toutefois, le montant nominal des Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation remboursé à maturité n'est pas indexé. Les Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation sont liés à l'indice des prix à la

consommation (hors tabac) des ménages en France métropolitaine calculé et publié mensuellement par l'INSEE : le CPI. Le CPI est l'instrument officiel pour mesurer l'inflation. Il permet de disposer d'une estimation entre deux périodes déterminées des moyennes de fluctuations des prix des biens et des services consommés par les ménages sur le territoire français. C'est un indicateur de mouvements des prix des produits sur une base de qualité constante.

### Section D - Facteurs de Risque

# D.2 Informations clés sur les principaux risques propres à l'Émetteur ou à son exploitation et son activité

Les investisseurs potentiels doivent considérer, entre autres, les facteurs de risque relatifs à GDF SUEZ, son exploitation et son activité et qui sont inhérents à tout investissement dans les Titres émis dans le cadre du Programme. Les facteurs de risque sont les suivants :

- Risques liés à l'environnement externe (environnement économique, environnement réglementaire et politique, impact du climat, risque de réputation);
- Risques opérationnels (achats-ventes, gestion des actifs et développements, risques juridiques, risques éthiques, risques liés aux ressources humaines, risques liés à la santé, la sécurité, la sûreté et la protection du patrimoine, risques liés aux systèmes d'information);
- Risques industriels (accident industriel, pollution du milieu environnant, sites Seveso ou équivalents, centrales nucléaires en Belgique, exploration-production d'hydrocarbures); et
- Risques financiers (risque de marché sur matières premières, risque de contrepartie, risque de change, risque de taux d'intérêt, risque de liquidité, risque de dépréciation, risque sur actions, risque fiscal, risque sur le financement des pensions de retraite).

Chacun de ces risques est susceptible d'avoir un effet négatif significatif sur GDF SUEZ, sa stratégie, son exploitation, ses actifs, ses perspectives, sa situation financière, son résultat ou le prix de ses actions.

## D.3 Informations clés sur les principaux risques propres aux Titres

Certains facteurs pourraient affecter la capacité de GDF SUEZ à remplir ses obligations vis-àvis des Porteurs de Titres émis dans le cadre du Programme, notamment :

- Risques généraux relatifs aux Titres (ex : revue indépendante et conseil, conflits d'intérêt potentiels, légalité de la souscription, fiscalité, risques de liquidité et risques de change) tels que :
  - chaque investisseur potentiel doit déterminer, sur le fondement de son propre examen indépendant et des conseils professionnels qu'il estime appropriés selon les circonstances, si la souscription des Titres est pleinement adaptée à ses besoins financiers, ses objectifs et sa situation, et si cette souscription est un investissement adapté et approprié, nonobstant les risques clairs et importants inhérents au fait d'investir dans ou de détenir des Titres ;
  - il ne peut y avoir de certitude sur l'existence d'un marché secondaire pour les Titres ou sur la continuité d'un tel marché si celui-ci se développe et il peut ainsi y avoir une absence de liquidité sur ce marché;
  - la valeur des Titres sera affectée par la solvabilité de GDF SUEZ, et/ou du Groupe et par un certain nombre de facteurs supplémentaires ;
  - les acquéreurs et vendeurs potentiels des Titres doivent être informés qu'ils peuvent être amenés à payer des taxes ou d'autres droits de timbre conformément aux lois et pratiques des pays dans lesquels les Titres sont transférés ou dans d'autres pays.

		<ul> <li>Risques relatifs à la structure d'une émission particulière de Titres (ex : option de remboursement, Titres à Taux Fixe, Titres à Taux Flottant, Titres Zéro Coupon, Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation): <ul> <li>toute caractéristique de remboursement optionnel en vertu de laquelle l'Émetteur a le droit de rembourser les Titres de façon anticipée pourrait avoir un effet négatif sur la valeur de marché de ces Titres. Pendant la période au cours de laquelle l'Émetteur peut rembourser les Titres, la valeur de marché de ces Titres ne connaît généralement pas de hausse substantielle au-dessus du prix auquel ils peuvent être remboursés. Ce peut être aussi vrai durant toute la période précédant la période de remboursement.</li> <li>lors d'un investissement dans des Titres à taux fixe, il ne peut être exclu que des changements subséquents sur le marché des taux d'intérêts puissent affecter de manière négative la valeur de ces Titres.</li> <li>la rémunération des Titres à taux variable est souvent composée (i) d'un taux de référence (ii) auquel s'ajoute ou est soustrait, selon les cas, une marge. Le taux de référence sera ajusté de manière périodique tel qu'indiqué dans les Conditions Définitives (par exemple tous les trois ou six mois). La valeur de marché des Titres à taux variable peut donc fluctuer si des changements affectant le taux de référence peuvent seulement être reflétés dans le taux de ces Titres à la prochaine période d'ajustement du taux de référence concerné.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
D.6	Informations de base sur les facteurs matériels permettant de déterminer les risques associés aux Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation	Les investisseurs potentiels dans les Titres à Intérêt Indexé sur l'Inflation doivent être conscients que ces Titres sont des titres de créance dont le montant d'intérêt n'est pas prédéterminé. Les montants dûs au titre de l'intérêt seront dépendants de la performance de l'indice des prix à la consommation (hors tabac) des ménages en France métropolitaine calculé et publié mensuellement par l'INSEE. Le montant des intérêts payable par l'Émetteur pourra varier et les Porteurs de Titres pourraient ne pas recevoir d'intérêt. Toutefois, le montant nominal des Titres remboursé à maturité n'est pas indexé.

	Section E - Offre		
E.2b	Raisons de l'offre et utilisation du produit de l'Offre	Le produit net de l'émission de chaque Tranche de Titres sera utilisé par l'Émetteur pour les besoins généraux de l'entreprise. Si dans le cadre d'une émission déterminée de Titres, une utilisation particulière des fonds est envisagée, celle-ci sera précisée dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.	
		Résumé spécifique à l'émission  [Le produit net de l'émission de chaque Tranche de Titres sera utilisé par l'Émetteur pour les besoins généraux de l'entreprise.]/ [Le produit net de l'émission de chaque Tranche de Titres sera utilisé par l'Émetteur pour [●].]	
E.3	Modalités de l'offre	Les Conditions Définitives concernées préciseront les modalités de l'offre applicables à chaque Tranche de Titres.  A l'exception des stipulations de la section A.2 ci-dessus, ni l'Émetteur ni aucun des Agents Placeurs n'a autorisé une personne à faire une Offre Publique en aucune circonstance et aucune personne n'est autorisée à utiliser le Prospectus dans le cadre de ses offres de Titres. Ces offres ne sont pas faites au nom de l'Émetteur ni par aucun des Agents Placeurs ou des	

		Etablissements Autorisés et ni l'Émetteur ni aucun des Agents Placeurs ou des Etablissements Autorisés n'est responsable des actes de toute personne procédant à ces offres.	
		Résumé spécifique à l'émission  Sans objet, les Titres ne font pas l'objet d'une offre au public.]/[Les Titres sont offert au public [en France]/[●].	
		Prix d'offre :	[Prix d'émission/ <i>Préciser</i> ]
		Conditions auxquelles l'Offre est soumise :  Période d'Offre (y compris les modifications possibles) :	[Sans objet/[ $Préciser$ ] $[\bullet]$
		Description de la procédure de demande de souscription :	[Sans objet/[Préciser]
		Informations sur le montant minimum et/ou maximum de souscription :	[Sans objet/[Préciser]
		Modalités et date de publication des résultats de l'Offre :	[Sans objet/[Préciser]]
E.4	Intérêts des personnes	Les Conditions Définitives concernées préciseront les intérêts des personnes morales ou physiques impliquées dans l'émission des Titres.	
	morales ou physiques impliquées dans l'émission	Résumé spécifique à l'émission  [A la connaissance de l'Emetteur, aucune personne participant à l'émission de Titres n'y a d'intérêt significatif.] [[L'/Les] Agent[s] Placeur[s] percevra[ont] des commissions d'un montant de [●]% du montant en principal des Titres. A la connaissance de l'Emetteur, aucune autre personne participant à l'émission de Titres n'y a d'intérêt significatif.] [●]	
E.7	Estimation des Dépenses mises	Les Conditions Définitives concernées préciseront les estimations de dépenses pour chaque Tranche de Titres.	
	à la charge de l'investisseur par l'Émetteur ou l'offreur	Résumé spécifique à l'émission  [Les estimations de dépenses imputées à l'investisseur s'élèvent à [●]/ Sans objet, il n'y a pas de dépense imputée à l'investisseur.]	

### **RISK FACTORS**

The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Notes issued under the Programme. All of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer is not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.

Factors which the Issuer believes may be material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below.

The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Notes issued under the Programme, but the inability of the Issuer to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes may occur for other reasons and the Issuer does not represent that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Notes are exhaustive. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Base Prospectus (including any documents incorporated by reference herein) and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

Words and expressions defined under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" shall have the same meanings in this section.

### 1 Risk Factors Relating to the Issuer and its Operations

The ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations under the Notes will be ultimately dependent on its financial situation. The Group conducts its business in an environment subject to major changes and this creates numerous risks, some of which are beyond its control.

The Risk Factors relating to the Issuer and its operations are set out in pages 53 to 70 of the 2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document as incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus (as defined in the section "Documents Incorporated by Reference" of this Base Prospectus).

### 2 Risk Factors Relating to the Notes

The following paragraphs describe some of the risk factors that are material to the Notes to be admitted to trading in order to assess the market risk associated with these Notes. They do not describe all the risks of an investment in the Notes. Prospective investors should consult their own financial and legal advisers about risks associated with investment in a particular Series of Notes and the suitability of investing in the Notes in light of their particular circumstances. These risk factors may be completed in the Final Terms of the relevant Notes for a particular issue of Notes.

Terms defined herein shall have the same meaning as in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

### 2.1 General Risks Relating to the Notes

### Independent Review and Advice

Each prospective investor of Notes must determine, based on its own independent review and such professional advice as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, that its acquisition of the Notes is fully consistent with its financial needs, objectives and condition, complies and is fully consistent with all investment policies, guidelines and restrictions applicable to it and is a fit, proper and suitable investment for it, notwithstanding the clear and substantial risks inherent in investing in or holding the Notes.

A prospective investor may not rely on the Issuer, the Arranger or the Dealer(s) or any of their respective affiliates in connection with its determination as to the legality of its acquisition of the Notes or as to the other matters referred to above.

### Potential Conflicts of Interest

All or some of the Dealers and their affiliates have and/or may in the future engage, in investment banking, commercial banking and other financial advisory and commercial dealings with the Issuer and its affiliates and in relation to securities issued by any entity of the Group. They have or may (i) engage in investment banking, trading or hedging activities including activities that may include prime brokerage business, financing transactions or entry into derivative transactions, (ii) act as underwriters in connection with offering of shares or other securities issued by any entity of the Group or (iii) act as financial advisers to the Issuer or other companies of the Group. In the context of these transactions, certain of such Dealers have or may hold shares or other securities issued by entities of the Group. Where applicable, they have or will receive customary fees and commissions for these transactions.

The Issuer may from time to time be engaged in transactions involving an index or related derivatives which may affect the market price, liquidity or value of the Notes and which could be deemed to be adverse to the interests of the Noteholders.

Potential conflicts of interest may arise between the Calculation Agent, if any, for a Tranche of Notes and the Noteholders, including with respect to certain discretionary determinations and judgments that such Calculation Agent may make pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes that may influence the amount receivable upon redemption of the Notes.

### Legality of Purchase

Neither the Issuer, the Arranger, the Dealer(s) nor any of their respective affiliates has or assumes responsibility for the lawfulness of the acquisition of the Notes by a prospective investor of the Notes, whether under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or the jurisdiction in which it operates (if different), or for compliance by that prospective investor with any law, regulation or regulatory policy applicable to it.

### Modification, waivers and substitution

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

### Regulatory Restrictions

Investors whose investment activities are subject to investment laws and regulations or to review or regulation by certain authorities may be subject to restrictions on investments in certain types of debt securities. Investors should review and consider such restrictions prior to investing in the Notes.

### **Taxation**

Potential purchasers and sellers of the Notes should be aware that they may be required to pay taxes or documentary charges or duties in accordance with the laws and practices of the country where the Notes are transferred or other jurisdictions. In some jurisdictions, no official statements of the tax authorities or court decisions may be available for the tax treatment of financial instruments such as the Notes. Potential investors cannot rely upon the tax summary contained in this Base Prospectus but should ask for their own tax adviser's advice on their individual taxation with respect to the acquisition, holding, sale and redemption of the Notes. Only such adviser is in a position to duly consider the specific situation of the potential investor. This investment consideration has to be read in connection with the taxation sections of this Base Prospectus.

### EU Savings Directive

On 3 June 2003, the European Council of Economics and Finance Ministers adopted a directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income under the form of interest payments (the "Savings Directive"). The Savings

Directive requires Member States, subject to a number of conditions being met, to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of payments of interest and other similar income made by a paying agent located within their jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State or to certain limited types of entities established in that other Member State. On 24 March 2014, the Council of the European Union adopted a Council Directive amending and broadening the scope of the requirements described above. Member States are required to apply these new requirements from 1 January 2017. The changes will expand the range of payments covered by the Savings Directive, in particular to include additional types of income payable on securities. The amending Directive will also expand the circumstances in which payments that indirectly benefit an individual resident in a Member State must be reported. This approach will apply to payments made to, or secured for, persons, entities or legal arrangements (including trusts) where certain conditions are satisfied, and may in some cases apply where the person, entity or arrangement is established or effectively managed outside of the European Union. For a transitional period, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). The changes referred to above will broaden the types of payments subject to withholding in those Member States which still operate a withholding system when they are implemented. Luxembourg has announced its intention to elect out of the withholding system in favour of automatic exchange of information with effect from 1 January 2015. A number of non-EU countries and territories have adopted similar measures (see "Taxation – European Union").

Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, if a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system under the Savings Directive, as amended, and an amount of, or in respect of, tax is withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer, nor any Paying Agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Note, as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. The Issuer will be required to maintain a Paying Agent in a Member State that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Savings Directive.

### Financial transaction tax

The European Commission has published a proposal for a Directive for a common financial transaction tax (the "FTT") in Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (the "Participating Member States").

The proposed FTT has very broad scope and could, if introduced in its current form, apply to certain dealings in Notes (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. The issuance and subscription of Notes should, however, be exempt.

Under current proposals the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain dealings in Notes where at least one party is a financial institution, and at least one party is established in a participating Member State. A financial institution may be, or be deemed to be, "established" in a Participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including (a) by transacting with a person established in a participating Member State or (b) where the financial instrument which is subject to the dealings is issued in a participating Member State.

The FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between the Participating Member States. It may therefore be altered prior to any implementation, the timing of which remains unclear. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate. Prospective holders of Notes are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

### Change of Law

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes are based on French laws in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change in French laws or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus.

### Liquidity Risks/Trading Market for the Notes

The Notes may not have an established trading market when issued. There can be no assurance of a secondary market for the Notes or the continued liquidity of such market if one develops.

The development or continued liquidity of any secondary market for the Notes will be affected by a number of factors such as general economic conditions, the financial condition, the creditworthiness of the Issuer and/or the Group, and the value of any applicable reference rate, as well as other factors such as the complexity and volatility of the reference rate, the method of calculating the return to be paid in respect of such Notes, the time remaining to the maturity of the Notes, the outstanding amount of the Notes, any redemption features of the Notes, direction and volatility of interest rates generally. Such factors also will affect the market value of the Notes. In addition, certain Notes may be designed for specific investment objectives or strategies and therefore may have a more limited secondary market and experience more price volatility than conventional debt securities.

Investors may not be able to sell Notes readily or at prices that will enable investors to realise their anticipated yield. No investor should purchase Notes unless the investor understands and is able to bear the risk that certain Notes will not be readily sellable, that the value of Notes will fluctuate over time and that such fluctuations will be significant.

### Exchange Rate Risks and Exchange Controls

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "Investor's Currency") other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (2) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (3) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Notes.

Government and monetary authorities have imposed from time to time, and may in the future impose, exchange controls that could affect exchange rates, as well as the availability, of the specified currency in which a Note is payable at the time of payment of the principal or return in respect of such Note.

### Credit ratings may not reflect all risks

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Notes. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed in this section, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

### Market Value of the Notes

The market value of the Notes will be affected by the creditworthiness of the Issuer, and/or that of the Group and a number of additional factors, including, but not limited to, the volatility of an index, market interest and yield rates and the time remaining to the maturity date.

The value of the Notes depends on a number of interrelated factors, including economic, financial and political events in France or elsewhere, including factors affecting capital markets generally and the stock exchanges on which the Notes are traded. The price at which a Noteholder will be able to sell the Notes prior to maturity may be at a discount, which could be substantial, from the issue price or the purchase price paid by such purchaser.

### Specific French insolvency law provision regarding the rights of holders of debt securities

Under French insolvency law, holders of debt securities are automatically grouped into a single assembly of holders (the "Assembly") in order to defend their common interests if a safeguard (procédure de sauvegarde), an accelerated financial safeguard (procédure de sauvegarde financière accélérée), a judicial reorganisation procedure (procédure de redressement judiciaire) or an accelerated safeguard procedure (procédure de sauvegarde accélérée) is opened in France with respect to the Issuer or the Guarantor. The Assembly comprises holders of all debt securities issued by the Issuer (including the Notes) or under which payments remain due under the Guarantee, whether or not under a debt issuance programme (EMTN) and regardless of their governing law. The Assembly deliberates on the draft safeguard plan (projet de plan de sauvegarde), draft accelerated financial safeguard plan (projet de plan de sauvegarde financière accélérée), draft judicial reorganisation plan (projet de plan de redressement) or draft accelerated safeguard plan (plan de sauvegarde accélérée) applicable to the Issuer or the Guarantor and may further agree to:

- increase the liabilities (*charges*) of holders of debt securities (including the Noteholders) by rescheduling due payments and/or partially or totally writing off receivables in form of debt securities;
- establish an unequal treatment between holders of debt securities (including the Noteholders) as appropriate under the circumstances; and/or
- decide to convert debt securities (including the Notes) into shares or securities that give or may give right to share capital.

Decisions of the Assembly will be taken by a two-third majority (calculated as a proportion of the debt securities held by the holders expressing a vote). No quorum is required to convoke the Assembly.

For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions relating to the Representation of the Noteholders described in this Base Prospectus will not be applicable to the extent they are not in compliance with compulsory insolvency law provisions that apply in these circumstances.

### 2.2 Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes

The Programme allows for different types of Notes to be issued. Accordingly, each Tranche of Notes may carry varying risks for potential investors depending on the specific features of such Notes such as, inter alia, the provisions for computation of periodic interest payments, if any, redemption and issue price.

### **Optional Redemption**

Any optional redemption feature where the Issuer is given the right to redeem the Notes early might negatively affect the market value of such Notes. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period. Furthermore, since the Issuer may be expected to redeem the Notes when prevailing interest rates are relatively low, an investor might not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the return that would have been received on such Notes had they not been redeemed.

### Fixed Rate Notes

Investment in Notes which bear interest at a fixed rate involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the relevant Tranche of Notes.

### Floating Rate Notes

Investment in Notes which bear interest at a floating rate comprise (i) a reference rate and (ii) a margin to be added or subtracted, as the case may be, from such base rate. Typically, the relevant margin will not change throughout the life of the Notes but there will be a periodic adjustment (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) of the reference rate (e.g., every three months or six months) which itself will change in accordance with general market conditions. Accordingly, the market value of floating rate Notes may be volatile if changes, particularly short term changes, to market interest rates evidenced by the relevant reference rate can only be reflected in the interest rate of these Notes upon the next periodic adjustment of the relevant reference rate.

### **Inverse Floating Rate Notes**

Inverse floating rate Notes have an interest rate equal to a fixed base rate minus a rate based upon a reference rate. The market value of such Notes typically is more volatile than the market value of other conventional floating rate debt securities based on the same reference rate (and with otherwise comparable terms). Inverse floating rate Notes are more volatile because an increase in the reference rate not only decreases the interest rate of the Notes, but may also reflect an increase in prevailing interest rates, which further adversely affects the market value of these Notes.

### Fixed/Floating Rate Notes

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that the Issuer may elect to convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. The Issuer's ability to convert the interest rate will affect the secondary market and the market value of such Notes since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the Fixed/ Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Notes.

### Zero coupon Notes

Changes in market interest rates have a substantially stronger impact on the prices of zero coupon notes than on the prices of ordinary notes because the discounted issue prices are substantially below par. If market interest rates increase, zero coupon notes can suffer higher price losses than other notes having the same maturity and credit rating. Due to their leverage effect, zero coupon notes are a type of investment associated with a particularly high price risk.

### Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount or premium from their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

### **Inflation Linked Interest Notes**

Inflation Linked Interest Notes are debt securities which do not provide for predetermined interest payments but amounts due in respect of interest will be dependent upon the performance of the consumer price index (excluding tobacco) for all households in metropolitan France, as calculated and published monthly by the *Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques* ("INSEE") (the "Inflation Index"). The amount of interest may vary and Noteholders may receive no interest. Neither the current nor the historical level of the Inflation Index should be taken as an indication of future performance of such index during the term of any Inflation Linked Interest Notes.

Inflation Linked Interest Notes are not in any way sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by the INSEE and the INSEE makes no warranty or representation whatsoever, express or implied, either as to the results to be obtained from the use of the Inflation Index and/or the figure at which such index stands at any particular time. The Inflation Index is determined, composed and calculated by the INSEE, without regard to the Issuer or the Notes. The INSEE is not responsible for or has not participated in the determination of the timing of, prices of, or quantities of the Inflation Linked Interest Notes to be issued or in the determination or calculation of the interest payable under such Notes.

None of the Issuer, the Dealer(s) or any of their respective affiliates makes any representation as to the Inflation Index. Any of such persons may have acquired, or during the term of the Notes may acquire, non-public information with respect to the Inflation Index that is or may be material in the context of Inflation Linked Interest Notes. The issue of Inflation Linked Interest Notes will not create any obligation on the part of any such persons to disclose to the Noteholder or any other party such information (whether or not confidential).

### Variable rate Notes

Notes with variable interest rates can be volatile investments. If they are structured to include caps or floors, or any combination of those features, their market values may be even more volatile than those for securities that do not include those features.

### **DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY**

- 1. For the period of 12 months following the date of approval by the AMF of this Base Prospectus, the following documents will be available, during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted), for inspection and, in the case of documents listed under (iv) to (ix) collection free of charge, at the office of the Fiscal Agent and the Paying Agents:
  - (i) the Agency Agreement;
  - (ii) the form of Guarantee;
  - (iii) the constitutive documents of GDF SUEZ;
  - (iv) the 2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document;
  - (v) the 2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document;
  - (vi) the 2014 GDF SUEZ First-Half Financial Report;
  - (vii) each Final Terms for Notes that are listed and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris or any other Regulated Market in the European Economic Area or listed on any other stock exchange (save that Final Terms relating to Notes which are (i) neither listed and admitted to trading on a Regulated Market in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive (ii) nor listed on any other stock exchange, will only be available for inspection by a holder of such Notes and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding and identity);
  - (viii) a copy of this Base Prospectus together with any supplement to this Base Prospectus or restated Base Prospectus and any document incorporated by reference; and
  - (ix) all reports, letters and other documents, balance sheets, valuations and statements by any expert any part of which is extracted or referred to in this Base Prospectus in respect of each issue of Notes.
- 2. The following documents will be available, if relevant, (a) on the website of the AMF (www.amf-france.org) and (b) on the website of the Issuer (www.gdfsuez.com):
  - (i) the Final Terms for Notes that are listed and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris or any other Regulated Market in the EEA;
  - this Base Prospectus together with any supplement to this Base Prospectus or further Base Prospectus; and
  - (iii) the documents incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus (including the 2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document and the 2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document but except for the 2014 GDF SUEZ First-Half Financial Report which shall be available only on the website of the Issuer (www.gdfsuez.com)).

A printed copy of the documents listed above may also be obtained, free of charge, at the registered office of the Issuer during normal business hours.

### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

This Base Prospectus should be read and construed in conjunction with the following:

- (1) the sections referred to in the table below which are extracted from the 2014 First-Half Financial Report of GDF SUEZ in English language filed with the AMF. Such document is referred to in the Base Prospectus as the "2014 GDF SUEZ First-Half Financial Report". Any reference in the Base Prospectus or in the information incorporated by reference to the 2014 GDF SUEZ First-Half Financial Report will be deemed to include those sections only;
- (2) the sections referred to in the table below which are extracted from the 2013 Registration Document of GDF SUEZ in English language which is the translation of the French language *Document de Référence* 2013 of GDF SUEZ which was filed under no. D.14-0176 with the AMF on 20 March 2014. Such document is referred to in the Base Prospectus as the "2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document". Any reference in the Base Prospectus or in the information incorporated by reference to the 2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document will be deemed to include those sections only;
- (3) the sections referred to in the table below which are extracted from the 2012 Registration Document of GDF SUEZ in English language which is the translation of the French language *Document de Référence* 2012 of GDF SUEZ which was filed under no. D.13-0206 with the AMF on 22 March 2013. Such document is referred to in the Base Prospectus as the "2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document". Any reference in the Base Prospectus or in the information incorporated by reference to the 2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document will be deemed to include those sections only; and
- (4) the terms and conditions included in the base prospectus referred to in the table below;

save that any statement contained in this Base Prospectus or in a document which is incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Base Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in any document which is subsequently incorporated by reference herein by way of a supplement prepared in accordance with article 16 of the Prospectus Directive modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise). Any statement so modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute a part of this Base Prospectus.

Any reference in the Base Prospectus to the 2014 GDF SUEZ First-Half Financial Report, the 2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document and the 2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document shall be deemed to include only the sections mentioned in the table below.

The cross-reference tables below set out the relevant page references for the information incorporated herein by reference:

### ANNEX IV OF REGULATION EC 809/2004 AS AMENDED

Annex IV Article No.	Narrative	Page/Ref No.
3	Selected historical information	
3.1	Selected historical financial information regarding the issuer, presented, for each financial year for the	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 9 to 13
	period covered by the historical financial information, and any subsequent interim financial period, in the same currency as the financial information.	2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 9 to 14
	The selected historical information must provide key figures that summarise the financial condition of the issuer.	
4	Risk Factors	
	Prominent disclosure of risk factors that may affect the issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the securities to investors in a section headed "Risk Factors".	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 53 to 70
5	Information about the Issuer	
5.2	Investments:	
5.2.1	A description of the principal investments made since the date of the last published financial statements.	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 183 to 185
5.2.2	Information concerning the issuer's principal future investments, on which its management bodies have already made firm commitments.	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 6 to 7 and 14 to 45
5.2.3	Information regarding the anticipated sources of funds needed to fulfil commitments referred to in item RDA4-5.2.2	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 6 to 7 and 194
6	Business Overview	
6.1	Principal activities:	
6.1.1	A description of the issuer's principal activities stating the main categories of products sold and/or services performed; and	2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 4 to 7, 10 to 13 and 14 to 45
6.1.2	an indication of any significant new products and/or activities.	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 14 to 45
6.2	Principal markets:	
	A brief description of the principal markets in which the issuer competes.	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 6 to 8 and 10 to 14
6.3	The basis for any statements made by the issuer regarding its competitive position.	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 6 to 8, 10 to 14 and 14 to 45
10	Administrative, Management and Supervisory Bodies	

Annex IV Article No.	Narrative	Page/Ref No.
10.1	Names, business addresses and functions in the issuer of the following persons, and an indication of the principal activities performed by them outside the issuer where these are significant with respect to that issuer:	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 104 to 122 and 130 to 131
	(a) members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies;	
	(b) partners with unlimited liability, in the case of a limited partnership with a share capital.	
10.2	Administrative, Management, and Supervisory bodies conflicts of interests	
	Potential conflicts of interests between any duties to the issuing entity of the persons referred to in item 10.1 and their private interests and or other duties must be clearly stated. In the event that there are no such conflicts, make a statement to that effect.	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 117 to 118 and 124 to 128
11	Board Practices	
11.1	Details relating to the issuer's audit committee, including the names of committee members and a summary of the terms of reference under which the committee operates.	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 120 to 122
11.2	A statement as to whether or not the issuer complies with its country's of incorporation corporate governance regime(s). In the event that the issuer does not comply with such a regime a statement to that effect must be included together with an explanation regarding why the issuer does not comply with such regime.	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 119 to 120
12	Major Shareholders	
12.1	To the extent known to the issuer, state whether the issuer is directly or indirectly owned or controlled and by whom and describe the nature of such control, and describe the measures in place to ensure that such control is not abused.	
12.2	A description of any arrangements, known to the issuer, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the issuer.	2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document page 172

Annex IV Article No.	Narrative	Page/Ref No.
13	Financial Information concerning the Issuer's Assets and Liabilities, Financial Position and Profits and Losses	
13.1	Historical Financial Information	
	Audited historical financial information covering the latest 2 financial years (or such shorter period that the issuer has been in operation), and the audit report in respect of each year. Such financial information must be prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State's national accounting standards for issuers from the Community. For third country issuers, such financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. If such financial information is not equivalent to these standards, it must be presented in the form of restated financial statements.	317 2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 207 to 330
	The most recent year's historical financial information must be presented and prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the issuer's next published annual financial statements having regard to accounting standards and policies and legislation applicable to such annual financial statements.	
	If the issuer has been operating in its current sphere of economic activity for less than one year, the audited historical financial information covering that period must be prepared in accordance with the standards applicable to annual financial statements under the Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State's national accounting standards where the issuer is an issuer from the Community. For third country issuers, the historical financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. This historical financial information must be audited.	
	If the audited financial information is prepared according to national accounting standards, the financial information required under this heading must include at least:	
	(a) balance sheet;	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 198 to 199 2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 210 to 211
	(b) income statement;	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 187 and 196 to 197 2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document page 209
	(c) cash flow statement; and	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document page 202

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		2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document page 215
	(d) accounting policies and explanatory notes.	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 203 to 315
		2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 216 to 330
	The historical annual financial information must be independently audited or reported on as to whether or	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 316 to 317
	not, for the purposes of the registration document, it gives a true and fair view, in accordance with auditing standards applicable in a Member State or an equivalent standard.	2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 329 to 330
13.2	Financial statements	
	If the issuer prepares both own and consolidated financial statements, include at least the consolidated	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 319 to 368
	financial statements in the registration document.	2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 331 to 377
13.3	Auditing of historical annual financial information	
13.3.1	A statement that the historical financial information has been audited. If audit reports on the historical	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 316 to 317 and 367 to
	financial information have been refused by the statutory auditors or if they contain qualifications or	368
	disclaimers, such refusal or such qualifications or disclaimers must be reproduced in full and the reasons given.	2012 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 329 to 330 and 377
13.3.2	An indication of other information in the registration document which has been audited by the auditors.	Not Appplicable
13.3.3	Where financial data in the registration document is not extracted from the issuer's audited financial statements state the source of the data and state that the data is unaudited.	Not Applicable
13.5	Interim and other financial information	
13.5.1	If the issuer has published quarterly or half yearly financial information since the date of its last audited financial statements, these must be included in the registration document. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information has been reviewed or audited the audit or review report must also be included. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information is unaudited or has not been reviewed state that fact.	2014 GDF SUEZ First-Half Financial Report pages 27 to 82 and 89
13.5.2	If the registration document is dated more than nine months after the end of the last audited financial year, it must contain interim financial information, covering at least the first six months of the financial year. If the interim financial information is un-audited state that fact.	2014 GDF SUEZ First-Half Financial Report pages 27 to 82 and 89
	The interim financial information must include comparative statements for the same period in the prior financial year, except that the requirement for comparative balance sheet information may be satisfied by presenting the years end balance sheet.	
13.6	Legal and arbitration proceedings	
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Annex IV Article No.	Narrative	Page/Ref No.
	Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the issuer and/or group's financial position or profitability, or provide an appropriate negative statement.	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 63, 351 to 353 and 375 2014 GDF SUEZ First-Half Financial Report pages 79 to 80
14	Additional Information	
14.1	Share Capital	
14.1.1	The amount of the issued capital, the number and classes of the shares of which it is composed with details of their principal characteristics, the part of the issued capital still to be paid up, with an indication of the number, or total nominal value, and the type of the shares not yet fully paid up, broken down where applicable according to the extent to which they have been paid up.	
15	Material Contracts	
	A brief summary of all material contracts that are not entered into in the ordinary course of the issuer's business, which could result in any group member being under an obligation or entitlement that is material to the issuer's ability to meet its obligation to security holders in respect of the securities being issued.	2013 GDF SUEZ Registration Document pages 194, 217 to 224
16	Third party information and statement by experts and declarations of any interests	
16.1	Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the registration document, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part of the registration document.	Not Applicable
16.2	Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, the issuer shall identify the source(s) of the information.	Not Applicable

The table below sets out the relevant page references for the terms and conditions contained in the base prospectus of GDF SUEZ relating to the Programme:

Terms and Conditions Incorporated by Reference	Reference
Base Prospectus of GDF SUEZ filed with the AMF on 27 September 2013	Pages 64 to 95
Base Prospectus of GDF SUEZ filed with the AMF on 12 September 2012	Pages 52 to 84
Base Prospectus of GDF SUEZ filed with the AMF on 9 September 2011	Pages 44 to 72
Base Prospectus of GDF SUEZ filed with the AMF on 10 May 2011	Pages 43 to 71
Base Prospectus of GDF SUEZ filed with the AMF on 22 November 2010 and first supplement dated 8 March 2011	Pages 49 to 78 and page 13, respectively
Base Prospectus of GDF SUEZ and Electrabel filed with the AMF on 4 November 2009 and first supplement dated 1 September 2010	Pages 58 to 90 and page 25, respectively
Base Prospectus of GDF SUEZ and Electrabel approved by the CSSF on 7 October 2008	Pages 47 to 79
Offering Circular of Gaz de France registered with the Commission des opérations de bourse on 17 October 2002	Pages 16 to 45

### SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS

If at any time the Issuer is required to prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus pursuant to the provisions of Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive and any legislation in any Member State of the European Economic Area that implements the Prospectus Directive and subordinate legislation thereto, the Issuer will prepare and make available an appropriate supplement to this Base Prospectus or a restated Base Prospectus, which in respect of any subsequent issue of Notes shall amend or supplement this Base Prospectus.

In accordance with and pursuant to Article 16.2 of the Prospectus Directive, where the Notes are offered to the public, investors who have already agreed to purchase or subscribe for Notes before any supplement is published have the right, exercisable within two working days after the publication of this supplement, to withdraw their acceptances provided that the new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy referred to in Article 16.1 of the Prospectus Directive is capable of affecting the assessment of the Notes and arises or is noted between the time when the prospectus is approved and the final closing of the offer to the public or, as the case may be, the time when trading on a regulated market begins. That period may be extended by the Issuer or, if any, the relevant Authorised Offeror(s). The final date of the right of withdrawal shall be stated in the supplement.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following is the text of the terms and conditions that, subject to completion in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Final Terms and excepting sentences in italics, shall be applicable to the Notes. In the case of Dematerialised Notes, the text of the terms and conditions will not be endorsed on physical documents of title but will be constituted by the following text as completed by the relevant Final Terms. In the case of Materialised Notes, either (i) the full text of these terms and conditions together with the relevant provisions of the Final Terms or (ii) these terms and conditions as so completed (and subject to simplification by the deletion of non-applicable provisions), shall be endorsed on Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes. All capitalised terms that are not defined in these Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the relevant Final Terms. References in the Conditions to "Notes" are to the Notes of one Series only, not to all Notes that may be issued under the Programme.

The Notes issued by GDF SUEZ (the "**Issuer**") are issued pursuant to an amended and restated agency agreement (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Agency Agreement**") dated 2 October 2014 between the Issuer, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as fiscal agent and the other agents named in it.

The fiscal agent, the paying agents, the redenomination agent, the consolidation agent and the calculation agent(s) for the time being (if any) are referred to below respectively as the "Fiscal Agent", the "Paying Agents" (which expression shall include the Fiscal Agent), the "Registration Agent", the "Redenomination Agent", the "Consolidation Agent" and the "Calculation Agent(s)".

The holders of Dematerialised Notes and Materialised Notes, the holders of the interest coupons (the "Coupons") relating to interest bearing Materialised Notes and, where applicable in the case of such Notes, talons (the "Talons") for further Coupons (the "Couponholders") and the holders of the receipts (the "Receipts") for the payment of instalments of principal (the "Receiptholders") relating to Materialised Notes of which the principal is payable in instalments are deemed to have notice of all of the provisions of the Agency Agreement applicable to them.

For the purpose of these Terms and Conditions, "**Regulated Market**" means any regulated market situated in a Member State of the European Economic Area ("EEA") as defined in the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2004/39/EC and as listed on the website of Europa (http://ec.europa.eu/internal\_market/securities/isd /index en.htm).

Terms between square brackets shall apply to Notes guaranteed by GDF SUEZ when GDF SUEZ is replaced and substituted by the Substituted Issuer, as provided in Condition 16. References below to "Guarantor" shall mean GDF SUEZ, in its capacity as guarantor of Notes if there is a substitution of the Issuer in accordance with Condition 16.

References below to "Conditions" are, unless the context requires otherwise, to the numbered paragraphs below.

Copies of the Agency Agreement are available for inspection at the specified offices of each of the Paying Agents.

### 1 Form, Denomination(s), Title and Redenomination of the Notes

- (a) Form of Notes: Notes may be issued either in dematerialised form ("Dematerialised Notes") or in materialised form ("Materialised Notes").
  - (i) Dematerialised Notes are issued, as specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "Final Terms"), in
     (x) bearer dematerialised form (au porteur) only, in which case they are inscribed in the books of
     Euroclear France (acting as central depositary) which credits the accounts of Euroclear France

Account Holders (as defined below), (y) in registered dematerialised form (au nominatif) only and, in such case, at the option of the relevant Noteholder, in administered registered form (au nominatif administré) inscribed in the books of a Euroclear France Account Holder or in fully registered form (au nominatif pur) inscribed in an account in the books of Euroclear France maintained by the Registration Agent acting on behalf of the Issuer.

Unless this possibility is expressly excluded in the relevant Final Terms and to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Issuer may at any time request from the central depositary identification information of the Noteholders such as the name or the company name, nationality, date of birth or year of incorporation and mail address or, as the case may be, e-mail address of holders of Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (*au porteur*).

For the purpose of these Conditions, "Euroclear France Account Holder" means any authorised financial intermediary institution entitled to hold directly or indirectly accounts on behalf of its customers with Euroclear France, and includes the depositary bank for Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg") and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("Euroclear").

(ii) Materialised Notes are issued in bearer form ("Materialised Bearer Notes"). Materialised Bearer Notes are serially numbered and are issued with Coupons (and, where appropriate, a Talon) attached, save in the case of Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to interest (other than in relation to interest due after the Maturity Date), Coupons and Talons in these Conditions are not applicable. Instalment Materialised Notes are issued with one or more Receipts attached.

In accordance with Articles L.211-3 and R.211-1 of the French Code monétaire et financier, securities (such as Notes) which are governed by French law and are in materialised form must be issued outside the French territory.

(b) Denomination(s): Notes shall be issued in the specified denomination(s) as set out in the relevant Final Terms save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be €1,000, and if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in each such currency at the issue date (the "Specified Denomination(s)") or such higher amount as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any applicable laws or regulations. Dematerialised Notes shall be issued in one Specified Denomination only.

### (c) Title

- (i) Title to Dematerialised Notes will be evidenced in accordance with Articles L.211-3 and R.211-1 of the French Code monétaire et financier by book entries (inscriptions en compte). No physical document of title (including certificats représentatifs pursuant to Article R.211-7 of the French Code monétaire et financier) will be issued in respect of the Dematerialised Notes. Title to Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (au porteur) and in administered registered form (au nominatif administré) shall pass upon, and transfer of such Notes may only be effected through, registration of the transfer in the accounts of Euroclear France Account Holders. Title to Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form (au nominatif pur) shall pass upon, and transfer of such Notes may only be effected through, registration of the transfer in the accounts of the Issuer or the Registration Agent.
- (ii) Title to Materialised Bearer Notes in definitive form having, where appropriate, Coupons, Receipt(s) and/or a Talon attached thereto on issue ("Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes"), shall pass by delivery.

- (iii) Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the holder of any Note (as defined below), Receipt, Coupon or Talon shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes, whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, or an interest in it, any writing on it or its theft or loss and no person shall be liable for so treating the holder.
- (iv) In these Conditions, "holder of Notes" or "holder of any Note" or "Noteholder" means (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, the person whose name appears in the account of the relevant Euroclear France Account Holder or the Issuer or the Registration Agent (as the case may be) as being entitled to such Notes and (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, the bearer of any Definitive Materialised Bearer Note and the Receipts, Coupons, or Talon relating to it, and capitalised terms have the meanings given to them in the relevant Final Terms, the absence of any such meaning indicating that such term is not applicable to the Notes.

### (d) Redenomination

- (i) The Issuer may (if so specified in the relevant Final Terms), on any Interest Payment Date, without the consent of the holder of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon, by giving at least 30 calendar days' notice in accordance with Condition 15 and on or after the date on which the European Member State in whose national currency the Notes are denominated has become a participating Member State in the single currency of the European Economic and Monetary Union (as provided in the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended from time to time (the "Treaty") or events have occurred which have substantially the same effects (in either case, "EMU"), redenominate all, but not some only, of the Notes of any Series into Euro and adjust the aggregate principal amount and the Specified Denomination(s) set out in the relevant Final Terms accordingly, as described below. The date on which such redenomination becomes effective shall be referred to in these Conditions as the "Redenomination Date".
- (ii) The redenomination of the Notes pursuant to Condition 1(d)(i) shall be made by converting the principal amount of each Note from the relevant national currency into Euro using the fixed relevant national currency Euro conversion rate established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to Article 123 (4) of the Treaty and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest Euro 0.01 (with Euro 0.005 being rounded upwards). If the Issuer so elects, the figure resulting from conversion of the principal amount of each Note using the fixed relevant national currency Euro conversion rate shall be rounded down to the nearest euro. The Euro denominations of the Notes so determined shall be notified to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15. Any balance remaining from the redenomination with a denomination higher than Euro 0.01 shall be paid by way of cash adjustment rounded to the nearest Euro 0.01 (with Euro 0.005 being rounded upwards). Such cash adjustment will be payable in Euro on the Redenomination Date in the manner notified to Noteholders by the Issuer.
- (iii) Upon redenomination of the Notes, any reference in the relevant Final Terms to the relevant national currency shall be construed as a reference to euro.
- (iv) The Issuer may, with the prior approval of the Redenomination Agent and the Consolidation Agent, in connection with any redenomination pursuant to this Condition or any consolidation pursuant to Condition 14, without the consent of the holder of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon, make any changes or additions to these Conditions or Condition 14 (including, without limitation, any change to any applicable business day definition, business day convention, principal financial centre of the country of the Specified Currency, interest accrual basis or benchmark), taking into account market practice in respect of redenominated euromarket debt obligations and which it believes are not prejudicial to the interests of such holders. Any such

- changes or additions shall, in the absence of manifest error, be binding on the holders of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons and shall be notified to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 as soon as practicable thereafter.
- (v) Neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent shall be liable to the holder of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon or other person for any commissions, costs, losses or expenses in relation to or resulting from the credit or transfer of Euro or any currency conversion or rounding effected in connection therewith.

### 2 Conversion and Exchanges of Notes

### (a) Dematerialised Notes

- (i) Dematerialised Notes issued in bearer dematerialised form (au porteur) may not be converted into Dematerialised Notes in registered dematerialised form, whether in fully registered form (au nominatif pur) or in administered registered form (au nominatif administré).
- (ii) Dematerialised Notes initially issued in registered form (*au nominatif*) only may not be converted into Dematerialised Notes in bearer dematerialised form (*au porteur*).
- (iii) Dematerialised Notes issued in fully registered dematerialised form (au nominatif pur) may, at the option of the Noteholder, be converted into Notes in administered registered dematerialised form (au nominatif administré), and vice versa. The exercise of any such option by such Noteholder shall be made in accordance with Article R.211-4 of the French Code monétaire et financier. Any such conversion shall be effected at the cost of such Noteholder.

### (b) Materialised Bearer Notes

Materialised Bearer Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Materialised Bearer Notes of another Specified Denomination.

### (c) Dematerialised Notes not exchangeable for Materialised Bearer Notes and vice versa

Dematerialised Notes may not be exchanged for Materialised Notes and Materialised Notes may not be exchanged for Dematerialised Notes.

### 3 Status [and Guarantee]

### (a) Status of Notes

The Notes and, where applicable, any relative Receipts and Coupons are unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 4) unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank and will rank *pari passu* without preference or priority among themselves and (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally and rateably with all other present or future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness, obligations and guarantees of the Issuer.

### (b) [Status of the Guarantee

The Guarantee (as defined in Condition 16) constitutes an unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 4) unsecured obligation of the Guarantor and ranks and shall at all times rank (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally and rateably with all other present or future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness, obligations and guarantees of the Guarantor.]

### 4 Negative Pledge

So long as any of the Notes or, if applicable, any Receipts or Coupons relating to them, remains outstanding (as defined in the Agency Agreement, the Issuer [or, as the case may be, the Guarantor,] will not grant any mortgage (hypothèque), pledge or other form of security interest (sûreté réelle) which are not created over cash on any of its present or future tangible assets, intangible assets or revenues in each case for the benefit of holders of its other negotiable bonds, notes or debt securities [or, in the case of the Guarantor, for the benefit of holders of other negotiable bonds, notes or debt securities it guarantees, and in each case] having an original maturity of more than one year, which are, or which are capable of being, quoted, listed, or ordinarily dealt with on any stock exchange, without granting the same ranking security to the Notes.

None of the above shall prevent the Issuer [or, as the case may be, the Guarantor,] from securing any present or future indebtedness for the benefit of holders of other negotiable bonds, notes or debt instruments [or, in the case of the Guarantor, for the benefit of holders of other negotiable bonds, notes or debt securities it guarantees, and in each case] which are, or are capable of being, quoted, listed, or ordinarily dealt with on any stock exchange, where such indebtedness is incurred for the purpose of, and the proceeds thereof are used in, (i) the purchase of an asset and such security is provided over or in respect of such asset or (ii) the refinancing of any indebtedness incurred for the purpose of (i) above, provided that the security is provided over or in respect of the same asset.

### 5 Interest and other Calculations

(a) **Definitions**: In these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below:

### "Business Day" means:

- in the case of Notes denominated in euro, a day on which the Trans European Automated Real Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (known as TARGET2) system which was launched on 19 November 2007 or any successor thereto (the "TARGET System") is operating (a "TARGET Business Day"); and/or
- (ii) in the case of Notes denominated in a currency other than euro, a day which is a TARGET Business Day and a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre for that currency; and/or
- (iii) in the case of Notes denominated in a currency and/or one or more Business Centres (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) a day which is a TARGET Business Day and a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in such currency in the Business Centre(s) or, if no currency is indicated, generally in each of the Business Centres so specified.

"Day Count Fraction" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest on any Note for any period of time (from and including the first day of such period to but excluding the last) (whether or not constituting an Interest Period, the "Calculation Period"):

(i) if "Actual/365" or "Actual/Actual - ISDA" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);

- (ii) if "Actual/Actual-ICMA" is specified in the relevant Final Terms:
  - (A) if the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which it falls, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and
  - (B) if the Calculation Period is longer than one Determination Period, the sum of:

the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Determination Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and

the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year

in each case where:

"Determination Period" means the period from and including a Determination Date in any year to but excluding the next Determination Date, and

"Determination Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the Interest Payment Date

- (iii) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365;
- (iv) if "Actual/360" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360;
- (v) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360 calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)]}{360}$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls:

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D1 will be 30; and

"D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31 and D1 is greater than 29, in which case D2 will be 30;

and

(vi) if "30E/360" or "Eurobond Basis" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360 calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{\left[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)\right] + \left[30 \times (M_2 - M_1)\right] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls:

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D1 will be 30; and

"D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D2 will be 30.

"Euro-zone" means the region comprised of member states of the European Union that adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community as amended by the Treaty on European Union.

"Interest Accrual Period" means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Interest Period Date and each successive period beginning on (and including) an Interest Period Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Period Date.

"Interest Amount" means the amount of interest payable, and in the case of Fixed Rate Notes, means the Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount, as the case may be.

"Interest Commencement Date" means the Issue Date or such other date as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"Interest Determination Date" means, with respect to a Rate of Interest and Interest Accrual Period, the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, (i) the day falling two TARGET Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is Euro or (ii) the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is Sterling or (iii) the day falling two Business Days in the city specified in the Final Terms for the Specified Currency prior to the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is neither Sterling nor Euro.

"Interest Payment Date" means the date(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"Interest Period" means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period beginning on (and including) an Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Payment Date.

"Interest Period Date" means each Interest Payment Date unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., as may be supplemented or amended as at the Issue Date.

"Rate of Interest" means the rate of interest payable from time to time in respect of the Notes and that is either specified or calculated in accordance with the provisions in the relevant Final Terms.

"Reference Banks" means, in the case of a determination of LIBOR, the principal London office of four major banks in the London inter-bank market and, in the case of a determination of EURIBOR, the principal Euro-zone office of four major banks in the Euro-zone inter-bank market, in each case selected by the Calculation Agent or as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"Reference Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

"Relevant Screen Page" means such page, section, caption, column or other part of a particular information service as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"Specified Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, the currency in which the Notes are denominated.

**(b) Interest on Fixed Rate Notes**: Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date.

If a Fixed Coupon Amount or a Broken Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount or, if applicable, the Broken Amount so specified and in the case of the Broken Amount will be payable on the particular Interest Payment Date(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms.

### (c) Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Inflation Linked Interest Notes:

- (i) Interest Payment Dates: Each Floating Rate Note and Inflation Linked Interest Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable in arrear (except as otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms) on each Interest Payment Date. Such Interest Payment Date(s) is/are either shown in the relevant Final Terms as Specified Interest Payment Dates or, if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are shown in the relevant Final Terms, Interest Payment Date shall mean each date which falls the number of months or other period shown in the relevant Final Terms as the Interest Period after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.
- (ii) **Business Day Convention**: If any date referred to in these Conditions that is specified to be subject to adjustment in accordance with a Business Day Convention would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is (A) the Floating Rate Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (x) such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (y) each subsequent such date shall be the last Business Day of the month in which such date would have fallen had it not been subject to adjustment, (B) the Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day Convention, such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

- (iii) Rate of Interest for Floating Rate Notes: The Rate of Interest in respect of Floating Rate Notes for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined in the manner specified in the relevant Final Terms and the provisions below relating to either ISDA Determination or Screen Rate Determination shall apply, depending upon which is specified in the relevant Final Terms.
  - (A) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent as a rate equal to the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "ISDA Rate" for an Interest Accrual Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under a Swap Transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions and under which:

- (a) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the relevant Final Terms;
- (b) the designated Maturity is a period specified in the relevant Final Terms; and
- (c) the relevant Reset Date is the first day of that Interest Accrual Period unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "Floating Rate", "Calculation Agent", "Floating Rate Option", "designated Maturity", "Reset Date" and "Swap Transaction" have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

- (B) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes
  - (a) Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period will, subject as provided below, be either:
    - (1) the offered quotation; or
    - (2) the arithmetic mean of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at either 11.00 a.m. (London time in the case of LIBOR or Brussels time in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question as determined by the Calculation Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Calculation Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean of such offered quotations.

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified hereon as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided hereon.

(b) if the Relevant Screen Page is not available or, if sub-paragraph (a)(1) applies and no such offered quotation appears on the Relevant Screen Page, or, if sub-paragraph (a)(2) applies and fewer than three such offered quotations appear on

the Relevant Screen Page, in each case as at the time specified above, subject as provided below, the Calculation Agent shall request, if the Reference Rate is LIBOR, the principal London office of each of the Reference Banks or, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, the principal Euro-zone office of each of the Reference Banks, to provide the Calculation Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate if the Reference Rate is LIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (London time), or if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time) on the Interest Determination Date in question. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with such offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Accrual Period shall be the arithmetic mean of such offered quotations as determined by the Calculation Agent; and

- (c) if paragraph (b) above applies and the Calculation Agent determines that fewer than two Reference Banks are providing offered quotations, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be the arithmetic mean of the rates per annum (expressed as a percentage) as communicated to (and at the request of) the Calculation Agent by the Reference Banks or any two or more of them, at which such banks were offered, if the Reference Rate is LIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (London time) or, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time) on the relevant Interest Determination Date, deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate by leading banks in, if the Reference Rate is LIBOR, the London inter-bank market or, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, the Euro-zone inter-bank market, as the case may be, or, if fewer than two of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with such offered rates, the offered rate for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, or the arithmetic mean of the offered rates for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, at which, if the Reference Rate is LIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (London time) or, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time), on the relevant Interest Determination Date, any one or more banks (which bank or banks is or are in the opinion of the Issuer suitable for such purpose) informs the Calculation Agent it is quoting to leading banks in, if the Reference Rate is LIBOR, the London inter-bank market or, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, the Euro-zone inter-bank market, as the case may be, provided that, if the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Rate of Interest shall be determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest is to be applied to the relevant Interest Accrual Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Accrual Period, the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to the relevant Interest Accrual Period, in place of the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to that last preceding Interest Accrual Period).
- (d) Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined and the Reference Rate in respect of the Floating Rate Notes is specified as being the EUR CMS, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be the offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for EUR CMS relating to the

relevant maturity (the relevant maturity year mid swap rate in EUR (annual 30/360)), which appears on the Relevant Screen Page, being Reuters page "ISDAFIX 2" under the heading "EURIBOR Basis", as at 11.00 a.m. Frankfurt time, in the case of the EUR-ISDA-EURIBOR Swap Rate-11:00 on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Condition 5, in the event that the Reference Rate does not appear on the Relevant Screen Page, the Calculation Agent shall determine on the relevant Interest Determination Date the applicable rate based on quotations of five Reference Banks (to be selected by the Calculation Agent and the Issuer) for EUR CMS relating to the relevant maturity (in each case the relevant mid-market annual swap rate commencing two TARGET2 Business Days following the relevant Interest Determination Date). The highest and lowest (or, in the event of equality, one of the highest and/or lowest) quotations so determined shall be disregarded by the Calculation Agent for the purpose of determining the Reference Rate which will be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to five significant figures with halves being rounded up) of such provided quotations.

If, for any reason, the Reference Rate is no longer published or if fewer than three quotations are provided to the Calculation Agent in accordance with the above paragraph, the Reference Rate will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion, acting in good faith and in a commercial and reasonable manner.

#### (iv) Rate of Interest for Inflation Linked Interest Notes:

(A) The Rate of Interest in respect of Inflation Linked Interest Notes (the "Inflation Linked Interest") will be determined by the Calculation Agent on the following basis:

On the fifth Business Day before each Interest Payment Date (an "Interest Determination Date") the Calculation Agent will calculate the Inflation Index Ratio.

The "Inflation Index Ratio" or "IIR" is the ratio between (i) the Daily Inflation Reference Index (as defined below) applicable upon any Interest Payment Date or the redemption date, as the case may be and (ii) the base reference defined as the Daily Inflation Reference Index (as defined below) applicable on the date specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "Base Reference"). Notwithstanding Condition 5(g)(iii), the IIR will be rounded if necessary to five significant figures (with halves being rounded up).

"Daily Inflation Reference Index" means (A) in relation to the first day of any given month, the CPI Monthly Reference Index of the third month preceding such month, and (B) in relation to a day (D) (other than the first day) in any given month (M), the linear interpolation of the CPI Monthly Reference Index pertaining respectively to the third month preceding such month (M - 3) and the second month preceding such month (M - 2) calculated in accordance with the following formula:

Daily Inflation Reference Index

$$= \text{CPI Monthly Reference Index}_{\text{M}-3} + \frac{D-1}{\text{ND}_{\text{M}}} \times \\ \text{(CPI Monthly Reference Index}_{\text{M}-2} - \\ \text{CPI Monthly Reference Index}_{\text{M}-3})$$

With:

"ND<sub>M</sub>:" number of days in the relevant month M and, in the case of payment of principal and interest, shall be equal to 31;

"D": actual day of payment in the relevant month M and, in the case of payment of principal and interest, shall be equal to 25;

"CPI Monthly Reference Index M-2": price index of month M - 2;

"CPI Monthly Reference Index M-3": price index of month M - 3.

Notwithstanding Condition 5(g)(iii), the Daily Inflation Reference Index will be rounded if necessary to five significant figures (with halves being rounded up).

For information purposes, such Daily Inflation Reference Index appears on the *Agence Française du Trésor* Reuters page OATINFLATION01 or on Bloomberg TRESOR <GO> pages and on the website www.aft.gouv.fr. In the case of doubt in the interpretation of the methods used to calculate the Inflation Index Ratio, such methods shall be interpreted by reference to the procedures selected by the French Treasury (*Trésor*) for its *obligations assimilables du Trésor indexées sur l'inflation*.

"CPI Monthly Reference Index" refers to the definitive consumer price index excluding tobacco for all households in metropolitan France, as calculated and published monthly by the *Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques* ("INSEE") as such index may be adjusted or replaced from time to time as provided herein.

(B) The calculation method described below is based on the recommendation issued by the French Bond Association (Comité de Normalisation Obligataire – www.cnofrance.org) in its December 2010 Paper entitled "Inflation Indexed Notes" (Obligations et autres instruments de taux d'intérêt en euro, Normes et usages des marchés de capitaux – Chapitre II: Les obligations indexées sur l'inflation). In the case of any conflict between the calculation method provided below and the calculation method provided by the Bond Association (Comité de Normalisation Obligataire), the calculation method provided by the Bond Association (Comité de Normalisation Obligataire) shall prevail.

The Inflation Linked Interest applicable from time to time for each Interest Period (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) will be equal to the rate *per annum* specified in the relevant Final Terms multiplied by the Inflation Index Ratio (as defined above).

(C)

- (1) If the CPI Monthly Reference Index is not published in a timely manner, a substitute CPI Monthly Reference Index (the "Substitute CPI Monthly Reference Index") shall be determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (x) If a provisional CPI Monthly Reference Index (indice provisoire) has already been published, such index shall automatically be used as the Substitute CPI Monthly Reference Index. Such provisional CPI Monthly Reference

Index would be published under the heading "indice de substitution". Once the definitive CPI Monthly Reference Index is released, it would automatically apply from the day following its release to all calculations taking place from this date.

(y) If no provisional CPI Monthly Reference Index is available, a substitute index shall be calculated on the basis of the most recently published figure adjusted as set out in the following formula:

Substitute CPI Monthly Reference Index<sub>M</sub>=CPI Monthly Reference Index<sub>M-1</sub>  $\times \left(\frac{\text{CPI Monthly Reference}_{M-1}}{\text{CPI Monthly Reference}_{M-13}}\right)^{\frac{1}{12}}$ 

(2) In the event INSEE decides to proceed with one or more base changes for the purpose of calculating the CPI Monthly Reference Index, the two CPI Monthly Reference Indexes which have been calculated on a different basis will be chained on the basis of the December CPI Monthly Reference Index of the last year of joint publications, which corresponds to the Daily Inflation Reference Index for 1st March of the following year. Such chaining will be carried out in accordance with the following equation:

 $Key = \frac{\text{CPI Monthly Reference Index}^{\text{pertaining to December calculated on the new basis}}{\text{CPI Monthly Reference Index}^{\text{pertaining to December calculated on the previous basis}}}$ 

Such that:

CPI Monthly Reference Index New basis = CPI Monthly Reference Index Previous basis × Key

- (d) Fixed/Floating Rate Notes: Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate (i) that the Issuer may elect to convert on the date set out in the relevant Final Terms from a Fixed Rate to a Floating Rate, or from a Floating Rate to a Fixed Rate or (ii) that will automatically change from a Fixed Rate to a Floating Rate, or from a Floating Rate to a Fixed Rate on the date set out in the relevant Final Terms.
- **(e) Zero Coupon Notes:** Where a Note the Interest Basis of which is specified to be Zero Coupon is repayable prior to the Maturity Date is not paid when due, the amount due and payable prior to the Maturity Date shall be the Early Redemption Amount of such Note. As from the Maturity Date, the Rate of Interest for any overdue principal of such a Note shall be a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Amortisation Yield (as described in Condition 6(g)(i)).
- (f) Accrual of Interest: Interest shall cease to accrue on each Note on the due date for redemption unless (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on such due date or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, upon due presentation, payment is improperly withheld or refused, in which event interest shall continue to accrue (as well after as before judgment) at the Rate of Interest in the manner provided in this Condition 5 to the Relevant Date.

# (g) Margin, Maximum/Minimum Rates of Interest, Instalment Amounts and Redemption Amounts and Rounding:

- (i) If any Margin is specified in the relevant Final Terms (either (x) generally, or (y) in relation to one or more Interest Accrual Periods), an adjustment shall be made to all Rates of Interest, in the case of (x), or the Rates of Interest for the specified Interest Accrual Periods, in the case of (y), calculated in accordance with (c) above by adding (if a positive number) or subtracting the absolute value (if a negative number) of such Margin, subject always to the next paragraph.
- (ii) If any Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then any Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount shall be subject to such maximum or minimum, as the case may be.
- (iii) For the purposes of any calculations required pursuant to these Conditions, (x) all percentages resulting from such calculations shall be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with halves being rounded up), (y) all figures shall be rounded to seven significant figures (with halves being rounded up) and (z) all currency amounts that fall due and payable shall be rounded to the nearest unit of such currency (with halves being rounded up), save in the case of yen, which shall be rounded down to the nearest yen. For these purposes "unit" means the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country(ies) of such currency.
- (h) Calculations: The amount of interest payable in respect of any Note for any period shall be calculated by multiplying the product of the Rate of Interest and the outstanding nominal amount of such Note by the Day Count Fraction, unless an Interest Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms in respect of such period, in which case the amount of interest payable in respect of such Note for such period shall equal such Interest Amount (or be calculated in accordance with such formula). Where any Interest Period comprises two or more Interest Accrual Periods, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Interest Period shall be the sum of the amounts of interest payable in respect of each of those Interest Accrual Periods.
- (i) Determination and Publication of Rates of Interest, Interest Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts and Instalment Amounts: As soon as practicable after the relevant time on such date as the Calculation Agent may be required to calculate any rate or amount, obtain any quotation or make any determination or calculation, it shall determine such rate and calculate the Interest Amounts in respect of each Specified Denomination of the Notes for the relevant Interest Accrual Period, calculate the Final Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount, obtain such quotation or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date and, if required to be calculated, the Final Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or any Instalment Amount to be notified to the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer, each of the Paying Agents, the Noteholders, any other Calculation Agent appointed in respect of the Notes that is to make a further calculation upon receipt of such information and, if the Notes are listed and admitted to trading on a Regulated Market or listed on any other stock exchange and the rules of such Regulated Market or stock exchange so require, such Regulated Market or stock exchange as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than (i) the commencement of the relevant Interest Period, if determined prior to such time, in the case of notification to such exchange of a Rate of Interest and Interest Amount, or (ii) in all other cases, the fourth Business Day after such determination. Where any Interest Payment Date or Interest Period Date is subject to adjustment pursuant to Condition 5(c)(ii), the Interest Amounts and the Interest Payment Date so published may subsequently be amended (or

- appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. The determination of any rate or amount, the obtaining of each quotation and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent(s) shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties.
- Agents if provision is made for them in the relevant Final Terms and for so long as any Note is outstanding (as defined in the Agency Agreement). Where more than one Calculation Agent is appointed in respect of the Notes, references in these Conditions to the Calculation Agent shall be construed as each Calculation Agent performing its respective duties under the Conditions. If the Calculation Agent is unable or unwilling to act as such or if the Calculation Agent fails duly to establish the Rate of Interest for an Interest Period or Interest Accrual Period or to calculate any Interest Amount, Instalment Amount, Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Optional Redemption Amount, as the case may be, or to comply with any other requirement, the Issuer shall appoint a leading bank or investment banking firm engaged in the interbank market (or, if appropriate, money, swap or over-the-counter index options market) that is most closely connected with the calculation or determination to be made by the Calculation Agent (acting through its principal Paris office or any other office actively involved in such market) to act as such in its place. The Calculation Agent may not resign its duties without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid.

# 6 Redemption, Purchase and Options

- (a) Final Redemption: Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided below, each Note shall be finally redeemed on the Maturity Date specified in the relevant Final Terms at its Final Redemption Amount (which, unless otherwise provided, is its nominal amount) or, in the case of a Note falling within Condition 6(b) below, its final Instalment Amount.
- (b) Redemption by Instalments and Final Redemption: Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided in this Condition 6 or the relevant Instalment Date (being one of the dates so specified in the relevant Final Terms) is extended pursuant to any Issuer's or Noteholder's option in accordance with Conditions 6(c), 6(d), 6(e) or (6)(f), each Note that provides for Instalment Dates and Instalment Amounts shall be partially redeemed on each Instalment Date at the related Instalment Amount specified in the relevant Final Terms. The outstanding nominal amount of each such Note shall be reduced by the Instalment Amount (or, if such Instalment Amount is calculated by reference to a proportion of the nominal amount of such Note, such proportion) for all purposes with effect from the related Instalment Date, unless payment of the Instalment Amount is improperly withheld or refused (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on the due date for such payment or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, on presentation of the related Receipt, in which case, such amount shall remain outstanding until the Relevant Date relating to such Instalment Amount.
- (c) Make-Whole Redemption by the Issuer: If so specified in the relevant Final Terms, in respect of any issue of Notes, the Issuer may, subject to compliance by the Issuer with all relevant laws, regulations and directives and on giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 calendar days' irrevocable notice in accordance with Condition 15 to the Noteholders (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time (but no later than the Call Option Date (as defined in Condition 6(d) below) if applicable), prior to their Maturity Date (the "Optional Redemption Date") at their Optional Redemption Amount. The Optional Redemption Amount will be calculated by the Calculation Agent and will be the greater of (x) 100 per cent. of the nominal amount of the Notes so redeemed and, (y) the sum of the then present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on such Notes (not including any interest accrued on the Notes to, but excluding, the relevant Optional Redemption Date) discounted to the

relevant Optional Redemption Date on an annual basis at the Reference Rate (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) plus a Redemption Margin (as specified in the relevant Final Terms), plus in each case (x) or (y) above, any interest accrued on the Notes to, but excluding, the Optional Redemption Date.

The determination of any rate or amount, the obtaining of each quotation and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties.

In the case of a partial redemption in respect of Materialised Notes, the notice to holders of such Materialised Notes shall also contain the number of the Definitive Materialised Notes to be redeemed, which shall have been drawn in such place and in such manner as may be fair and reasonable in the circumstances, taking account of prevailing market practices, subject to compliance with any applicable laws and Regulated Market or other stock exchange requirements.

In the case of a partial redemption in respect of Dematerialised Notes, the redemption may only be effected by reducing the nominal amount of all such Dematerialised Notes in a Series in proportion to the aggregate nominal amount redeemed.

So long as the Notes are listed and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris and the rules of that stock exchange so require, the Issuer shall, once in each year in which there has been a partial redemption of the Notes, cause to be published in accordance with Articles 221-3 and 221-4 of the General Regulations (*Règlement Général*) of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* and on the website of any other competent authority and/or Regulated Market of the EEA Member State where the Notes are listed and admitted to trading, a notice specifying the aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding and, in the case of Materialised Notes a list of any Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes drawn for redemption but not surrendered.

(d) Residual Call Option: If a Residual Call Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may, on giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 calendar days' irrevocable notice in accordance with Condition 15 to the Noteholders (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem, at any time or from time to time, as from the Call Option Date (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) which shall be no earlier than 90 calendar days before the Maturity Date, until the Maturity Date, the Notes, in whole or in part, at par together with interest accrued to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption (including, where applicable, any arrears of interest).

All Notes in respect of which any such notice is given shall be redeemed on the date specified in such notice in accordance with this Condition.

In the case of a partial redemption in respect of Materialised Notes, the notice to holders of such Materialised Notes shall also contain the number of the Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes to be redeemed which shall have been drawn in such place and in such manner as may be fair and reasonable in the circumstances, taking account of prevailing market practices, subject to compliance with any applicable laws and Regulated Market or other stock exchange requirements.

In the case of a partial redemption in respect of Dematerialised Notes, the redemption may only be effected by reducing the nominal amount of all such Dematerialised Notes in a Series in proportion to the aggregate nominal amount redeemed.

So long as the Notes are listed and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris and the rules of that stock exchange so require, the Issuer shall, once in each year in which there has been a partial redemption of the Notes, cause to be published in accordance with Articles 221-3 and 221-4 of the General Regulations (Règlement Général) of the Autorité des marchés financiers and on the website of any other

competent authority and/or Regulated Market of the EEA Member State where the Notes are listed and admitted to trading, a notice specifying the aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding and, in the case of Materialised Notes a list of any Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes drawn for redemption but not surrendered.

(e) Redemption at the Option of the Issuer: If a Call Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may, on giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 calendar days' irrevocable notice in accordance with Condition 15 to the Noteholders (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem in relation to, all or, if so provided, some, of the Notes on any Optional Redemption Date (as specified in the relevant Final Terms). Any such redemption of Notes shall be at their Optional Redemption Amount (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) together with interest accrued to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption (including, where applicable, any arrears of interest), if any. Any such redemption or exercise must relate to Notes of a nominal amount at least equal to the minimum nominal amount to be redeemed specified in the relevant Final Terms and no greater than the maximum nominal amount to be redeemed specified in the relevant Final Terms.

All Notes in respect of which any such notice is given shall be redeemed on the date specified in such notice in accordance with this Condition.

In the case of a partial redemption in respect of Materialised Notes, the notice to holders of such Materialised Notes shall also contain the number of the Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes to be redeemed, which shall have been drawn in such place and in such manner as may be fair and reasonable in the circumstances, taking account of prevailing market practices, subject to compliance with any applicable laws and Regulated Market or other stock exchange requirements.

In the case of a partial redemption in respect of Dematerialised Notes, the redemption may only be effected by reducing the nominal amount of all such Dematerialised Notes in a Series in proportion to the aggregate nominal amount redeemed.

So long as the Notes are listed and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris and the rules of that stock exchange so require, the Issuer shall, once in each year in which there has been a partial redemption of the Notes, cause to be published in accordance with Articles 221-3 and 221-4 of the General Regulations (Règlement Général) of the Autorité des marchés financiers and on the website of any other competent authority and/or Regulated Market of the EEA Member State where the Notes are listed and admitted to trading, a notice specifying the aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding and, in the case of Materialised Notes a list of any Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes drawn for redemption but not surrendered.

**(f)** Redemption at the Option of Noteholders and Exercise of Noteholders' Options: If a Put Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer shall, at the option of the Noteholder, upon the Noteholder giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 calendar days' notice to the Issuer (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem such Note on the Optional Redemption Date(s) at its Optional Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption (including, where applicable, any arrears of interest).

To exercise such option the Noteholder must deposit with any Paying Agent at its specified office a duly completed option exercise notice (the "Exercise Notice") in the form obtained from any Paying Agent, within the notice period. In the case of Materialised Bearer Notes, the Exercise Notice shall have attached to it such Notes (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons). In the case of Dematerialised Notes, the Noteholder shall transfer, or cause to be transferred, the Dematerialised Notes to be redeemed to the account of the Fiscal Agent and the Paying Agent specified

in the Exercise Notice. No option so exercised and, where applicable, no Note so deposited or transferred may be withdrawn without the prior consent of the Issuer.

# (g) Early Redemption:

- (i) Zero Coupon Notes:
  - (A) The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note, the Early Redemption Amount, upon redemption of such Note pursuant to Condition 6(h) or Condition 6(k) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 9 shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount (calculated as provided below) of such Note.
  - (B) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (C) below, the Amortised Nominal Amount of any such Note shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such Note on the Maturity Date discounted at a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Amortisation Yield (which, if none is shown in the relevant Final Terms, shall be such rate as would produce an Amortised Nominal Amount equal to the issue price of the Notes if they were discounted back to their issue price on the Issue Date) compounded annually.
  - (C) If the Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any such Note upon its redemption pursuant to Condition 6(h) or Condition 6(k) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 9 is not paid when due, the Early Redemption Amount due and payable in respect of such Note shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount of such Note as defined in sub-paragraph (B) above, except that such sub-paragraph shall have effect as though the date on which the Amortised Nominal Amount becomes due and payable were the Relevant Date. The calculation of the Amortised Nominal Amount in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall continue to be made (as well after as before judgment) until the Relevant Date, unless the Relevant Date falls on or after the Maturity Date, in which case the amount due and payable shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such Note on the Maturity Date together with any interest that may accrue in accordance with Condition 5(e). Where such calculation is to be made for a period of less than one year, it shall be made on the basis of the Day Count Fraction shown in the relevant Final Terms.
- (ii) Other Notes: The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Note (other than Notes described in (i) above), upon redemption of such Note pursuant to Condition 6(h) or Condition 6(k), or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 9 shall be the Final Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption (including, where applicable, any arrears of interest).

# (h) Redemption for Taxation Reasons

(i) If, by reason of any change in, or any change in the official application or interpretation of, French law becoming effective after the Issue Date, the Issuer [or, as the case may be, the Guarantor (in respect of the Guarantee),] would on the occasion of the next payment of principal or interest due in respect of the Notes, not be able to make such payment without having to pay Additional Amounts as specified and defined under Condition 8 below, the Issuer may, at its option, on any Interest Payment Date or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, at any time, subject to having given not more than 45 nor less than 30 calendar days' notice to the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), in accordance with Condition 15, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes at their Early Redemption Amount together with any interest accrued to the date set for redemption (including, where applicable, any arrears of interest) provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder may be given shall be no

- earlier than the latest practicable date on which the Issuer [or the Guarantor, as the case may be,] could make payment of principal and interest without withholding for such taxes.
- (ii) If the Issuer [or, as the case may be, the Guarantor (in respect of the Guarantee),] would on the next payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes be prevented by French law from making payment to the Noteholders or, if applicable, Couponholders of the full amounts then due and payable, notwithstanding the undertaking to pay Additional Amounts contained in Condition 8 below, then the Issuer shall forthwith give notice of such fact to the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer shall upon giving not less than seven days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes then outstanding at their Early Redemption Amount together with any interest accrued to the date set for redemption (including, where applicable, any arrears of interest) on the latest practicable Interest Payment Date on which the Issuer [or the Guarantor, as the case may be,] could make payment of the full amount then due and payable in respect of the Notes or, if applicable, Receipts or Coupons, or, if that date is passed, as soon as practicable thereafter.
- (i) Purchases: The Issuer shall have the right at all times to purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of Materialised Notes, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons relating thereto are attached thereto or surrendered therewith) in the open market or otherwise at any price subject to the applicable laws and regulations. Unless the possibility of holding and reselling is expressly excluded in the relevant Final Terms, all Notes so purchased by the Issuer may be held and resold in accordance with Article L.213-1 A and D.213-1 A of the French Code monétaire et financier for the purpose of enhancing the liquidity of the Notes.
- (j) Cancellation: All Notes purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer for cancellation will forthwith be cancelled, in the case of Dematerialised Notes, by transfer to an account in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear France and, in the case of Materialised Bearer Notes, by surrendering the Temporary Global Certificate and the Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes in question together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and all unexchanged Talons to the Fiscal Agent and, in each case, if so transferred or surrendered, shall, together with all Notes redeemed by the Issuer, be cancelled forthwith (together with, in the case of Dematerialised Notes, all rights relating to payment of interest and other amounts relating to such Dematerialised Notes and, in the case of Materialised Notes, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith). Any Notes so cancelled or, where applicable, transferred or surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and the obligations of the Issuer [and the Guarantor] in respect of any such Notes shall be discharged.
- (k) Illegality: If, by reason of any change in, or any change in the official application of French law becoming effective after the Issue Date, it will become unlawful (i) for the Issuer to perform or comply with one or more of its obligations under the Notes, [or (ii) for the Guarantor to perform or comply with one or more of its obligations under the Guarantee] the Issuer will, subject to having given not more than 45 nor less than 30 calendar days' notice to the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), in accordance with Condition 15, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes at their Early Redemption Amount together with any interest accrued to the date set for redemption (including, where applicable, any arrears of interest).

#### (1) Redemption or repurchase at the option of the Noteholders in case of Change of Control:

If a Put Option in case of Change of Control (as defined below) is specified in the relevant Final Terms, and if a Put Event (as defined below) occurs, each Noteholder will have the option to require the Issuer to redeem or repurchase all or part of the Notes held by such Noteholder on the Put Date (as defined below) at their principal amount together with interest accrued up to but excluding such date of

redemption or repurchase. Such option (the "Put Option in case of Change of Control") shall operate as set out below.

# (A) A "Put Event" will be deemed to occur if:

- Any person or group of persons acting in concert or any person or persons acting on behalf of any such person(s) (the "Relevant Persons") (a) acquires directly or indirectly more than 50 per cent. of the total voting rights or of the issued ordinary share capital of GDF SUEZ (or any successor entity), (b) acquires directly or indirectly a number of shares in the ordinary share capital of GDF SUEZ carrying more than 40 per cent. of the voting rights exercisable in general meetings of GDF SUEZ and no other shareholder of such entity, directly or indirectly, acting alone or in concert with others, holds a number of shares carrying a percentage of the voting rights exercisable in such general meetings which is higher than the percentage of voting rights attached to the number of shares held directly or indirectly by such Relevant Person(s) (any such event being a "Change of Control"); and
- (ii) on the date notified to the Noteholders by the Issuer in accordance with Condition 15 (the "Relevant Announcement Date") that is the earlier of (x) the date of the first public announcement of the Change of Control; and (y) the date of the earliest Relevant Potential Change of Control Announcement, either the Notes or the senior unsecured long-term debt of GDF SUEZ carries from any of Moody's Investors Service Limited ("Moody's"), Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("S&P"), or Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") or any of their respective successors to the rating business thereof, or any other rating agency (each a "Substitute Rating Agency") of international standing (each, a "Rating Agency"):
  - (x) an investment grade credit rating (Baa3/BBB-/BBB-, or equivalent, or better), and such rating from any rating agency is, within the Change of Control Period either downgraded to a non-investment grade credit rating (Ba1/BB+/BB+, or equivalent, or worse) or withdrawn and is not, within the Change of Control Period subsequently (in the case of a downgrade) upgraded or (in the case of a withdrawal) reinstated to an investment grade credit rating by such Rating Agency; or
  - (y) a non-investment grade credit rating (Ba1/BB+/BB+, or equivalent, or worse), and such rating from any Rating Agency is within the Change of Control Period either downgraded by one or more notches (for illustration, Ba1/BB+/BB+ to Ba2/BB/BB being one notch) or withdrawn and is not within the Change of Control Period subsequently (in the case of a downgrade) upgraded or (in the case of a withdrawal) reinstated to its earlier credit rating or better by such Rating Agency;

provided that, for the avoidance of doubt,

- any such decision of the relevant Rating Agency referred to in (x) or (y) above shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control if such Rating Agency does not publicly announce or confirm that such decision was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised in or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control; and
- if at the time of the occurrence of a Change of Control neither the Notes nor
  the senior unsecured long-term debt of GDF SUEZ is rated by a Rating
  Agency, and no Rating Agency assigns within the Change of Control Period

an investment grade rating to the Notes, a Put Event will be deemed to have occurred.

- (B) Promptly upon the Issuer [or the Guarantor] becoming aware that a Put Event has occurred the Issuer shall give notice (a "Put Event Notice") to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 specifying the nature of the Put Event, the circumstances giving rise to it and the procedure for exercising the option contained in this Condition.
- (C) To exercise the Put Option in case of Change of Control to require redemption or repurchase of the Notes, any Noteholder must transfer or cause to be transferred the Notes to be so redeemed or repurchased to the account of any Paying Agent and deliver to the Issuer a duly completed redemption or repurchase notice in writing (a "Change of Control Put Notice"), in which such Noteholder will specify a bank account to which payment is to be made under this paragraph, within the period (the "Put Period") of 45 calendar days after a Put Event Notice is given (except where (i) the Noteholder gives the Issuer written notice of the occurrence of a Put Event of which it is aware and (ii) the Issuer fails to give a Put Event Notice to the Noteholders by close of business of the third Business Day after the receipt of such notice from the Noteholder, in which case the Put Period will start from such third Business Day and will end on the day falling 45 calendar days thereafter).

A Change of Control Put Notice once given shall be irrevocable. The Issuer shall redeem or repurchase the Notes in respect of which the Put Option in case of Change of Control has been validly exercised as provided above and subject to the transfer of the Notes, on the date which is the fifth Business Day following the end of the Put Period (the "Put Date"). Payment in respect of such Notes will be made by transfer to the bank account specified in the Change of Control Put Notice.

**(D)** For the purposes of this Condition:

"Change of Control Period" means the period commencing on the Relevant Announcement Date, and ending 180 calendar days (inclusive) after the occurrence of the relevant Change of Control (or such longer period for which the Notes or the senior unsecured long-term debt of GDF SUEZ are under consideration (such consideration having been announced publicly within the period ending 120 calendar days after the occurrence of the relevant Change of Control) for rating review or, as the case may be, rating by, a Rating Agency, such period not to exceed 60 calendar days after the public announcement of such consideration);

"Relevant Potential Change of Control Announcement" means any public announcement or statement by the Issuer, GDF SUEZ or any Relevant Person thereto relating to any potential Change of Control.

#### 7 Payments and Talons

(a) Dematerialised Notes: Payments of principal and interest (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any arrears of interest, where applicable) in respect of Dematerialised Notes shall (in the case of Dematerialised Notes in bearer form or administered registered form) be made by transfer to the account denominated in the relevant currency of the relevant Euroclear France Account Holders for the benefit of the Noteholders or (in the case of Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form) to an account denominated in the relevant currency with a Bank (as defined below) designated by the Noteholders. All payments validly made to such Euroclear France Account Holders will be an effective discharge of the Issuer in respect of such payments.

(b) Materialised Bearer Notes: Payments of principal and interest (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any arrears of interest, where applicable) in respect of Materialised Bearer Notes shall, subject as mentioned below, be made against presentation and surrender of the relevant Receipts (in the case of payments of Instalment Amounts other than on the due date for redemption and provided that the Receipt is presented for payment together with its relative Note), Materialised Bearer Notes (in the case of all other payments of principal and, in the case of interest, as specified in Condition 7(f)(vi)) or Coupons (in the case of interest, save as specified in Condition 7(f)(vi)), as the case may be, at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States by a cheque payable in the relevant currency drawn on, or, at the option of the Noteholder, by transfer to an account denominated in such currency with, a Bank. No payments in respect of Materialised Bearer Notes shall be made by transfer to an account in, or mailed to an address in, the United States.

"Bank" means a bank in the principal financial centre for such currency or, in the case of euro, in a city in which banks have access to the TARGET System.

- **Payments in the United States**: Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Materialised Bearer Notes are denominated in U.S. Dollars, payments in respect thereof may be made at the specified office of any Paying Agent in New York City in the same manner as aforesaid if (i) the Issuer shall have appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment of the amounts on the Notes in the manner provided above when due, (ii) payment in full of such amounts at all such offices is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on payment or receipt of such amounts and (iii) such payment is then permitted by United States law, without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, any adverse tax consequence to the Issuer [or the Guarantor, if payment is being made under the Guarantee].
- (d) Payments Subject to Fiscal Laws: All payments are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws, regulations and directives in the place of payment but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 8. No commission or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders or Couponholders in respect of such payments.
- Appointment of Agents: The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agents, the Calculation Agent, the Registration (e) Agent, the Redenomination Agent and the Consolidation Agent initially appointed under the Agency Agreement and their respective specified offices are listed below. The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agents, the Registration Agent, the Redenomination Agent and the Consolidation Agent act solely as agents of each Issuer and the Calculation Agent(s) act(s) as independent experts(s) and, in each case such, do not assume any obligation or relationship of agency for any Noteholder or Couponholder. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Fiscal Agent, any other Paying Agent, the Registration Agent, the Redenomination Agent and the Consolidation Agent or the Calculation Agent(s) and to appoint additional or other Paying Agents, provided that the Issuer shall at all times maintain (i) a Fiscal Agent, (ii) one or more Calculation Agent(s) where the Conditions so require, (iii) a Redenomination Agent and a Consolidation Agent where the Conditions so require, (iv) in the case of Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form a Registration Agent, (v) Paying Agents having specified offices in at least two major European cities, (vi) in the case of Materialised Notes, a Paying Agent in a Member State of the EU that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the European Council Directive 2003/48/EC, as amended by the Council Directive 2014/48/EU, or any other EU Directive on the taxation of savings income (which may be any of the Paying Agents referred to in (v) above) implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26-27 November 2000, or pursuant to any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive and (vii) such other agents as may be required by the rules of any other stock exchange on which the Notes may be listed.

In addition, the Issuer [(or the Guarantor, if payment is being made under the Guarantee)] shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent in New York City in respect of any Materialised Bearer Notes denominated in U.S. Dollars in the circumstances described in paragraph (c) above.

On a redenomination of the Notes of any Series pursuant to Condition 1(d) with a view to consolidating such Notes with one or more other Series of Notes, in accordance with Condition 14, the Issuer shall ensure that the same entity shall be appointed as both Redenomination Agent and Consolidation Agent in respect of both such Notes and such other Series of Notes to be so consolidated with such Notes.

Notice of any such change or any change of any specified office shall promptly be given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15.

# (f) Unmatured Coupons and Receipts and unexchanged Talons:

- (i) Unless Materialised Bearer Notes provide that the relative Coupons are to become void upon the due date for redemption of those Notes, Materialised Bearer Notes should be surrendered for payment together with all unmatured Coupons (if any) relating thereto, failing which an amount equal to the face value of each missing unmatured Coupon (together, where applicable, with the amount of any arrears of interest corresponding to such Coupon) (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, that proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon (together, where applicable, with the amount of any arrears of interest corresponding to such Coupon) that the sum of principal so paid bears to the total principal due) shall be deducted from the Final Redemption Amount, Amortised Nominal Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Optional Redemption Amount, as the case may be, due for payment. Any amount so deducted shall be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of such missing Coupon within a period of 10 years from the Relevant Date for the payment of such principal (whether or not such Coupon has become void pursuant to Condition 10).
- (ii) If Materialised Bearer Notes so provide, upon the due date for redemption of any such Materialised Bearer Note, unmatured Coupons relating to such Note (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of them.
- (iii) Upon the due date for redemption of any Materialised Bearer Note, any unexchanged Talon relating to such Note (whether or not attached) shall become void and no Coupon shall be delivered in respect of such Talon.
- (iv) Upon the due date for redemption of any Materialised Bearer Note that is redeemable in instalments, all Receipts relating to such Materialised Bearer Note having an Instalment Date falling on or after such due date (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of them.
- (v) Where any Materialised Bearer Note that provides that the relative unmatured Coupons are to become void upon the due date for redemption of those Notes is presented for redemption without all unmatured Coupons, and where any such Note is presented for redemption without any unexchanged Talon relating to it, redemption shall be made only against the provision of such indemnity as the Issuer [and the Guarantor, as the case may be,] may require.
- (vi) If the due date for redemption of any Materialised Bearer Note is not a due date for payment of interest, interest accrued from the preceding due date for payment of interest or the Interest Commencement Date, as the case may be, (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any arrears of interest if applicable) shall only be payable against presentation (and surrender if appropriate) of the relevant Definitive Materialised Bearer Note. Interest accrued on a Materialised Bearer Note

- that only bears interest after its Maturity Date shall be payable on redemption of such Note against presentation of the relevant Materialised Bearer Notes.
- (g) Talons: On or after the Interest Payment Date for the final Coupon forming part of a Coupon sheet issued in respect of any Materialised Bearer Note, the Talon forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet (and if necessary another Talon for a further Coupon sheet) (but excluding any Coupons that may have become void pursuant to Condition 10).
- (h) Non-Business Days: If any date for payment in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a business day, the Noteholder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following business day nor to any interest or other sum in respect of such postponed payment. In this paragraph, "business day" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) (A) (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on which Euroclear France is open for business or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in the relevant place of presentation, (B) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in such jurisdictions as shall be specified as "Financial Centres" in the relevant Final Terms and (C) (i) in the case of a payment in a currency other than euro, where payment is to be made by transfer to an account maintained with a bank in the relevant currency, on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in the relevant currency in the principal financial centre of the country of such currency or (ii) in the case of a payment in euro, which is a TARGET Business Day.

# 8 Taxation

- (a) Taxation: All payments of principal, interest and other revenues by or on behalf of the Issuer in respect of the Notes shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or within France or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law.
- (b) Additional amounts: If applicable law should require that payments of principal or interest made by the Issuer in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon be subject to deduction or withholding in respect of any present or future taxes or duties whatsoever levied by the Republic of France, the Issuer will, to the fullest extent then permitted by law, pay such additional amounts ("Additional Amounts") as shall result in receipt by the Noteholders or, if applicable, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, as the case may be, of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, except that no such Additional Amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon, as the case may be:
  - (i) Other connection: to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Noteholder who is (i) entitled to avoid such deduction or withholding by making a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption to the financial intermediary, the Issuer or the competent tax authority; or (ii) liable to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with the Republic of France other than the mere holding of the Note, Receipt or Coupon; or
  - (ii) Presentation more than 30 calendar days after the Relevant Date: (in the case of Materialised Notes) presented for payment more than 30 calendar days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the Noteholder would have been entitled to such Additional Amounts on presenting it for payment on the thirtieth such day; or

- (iii) Savings Directive: where such withholding or deduction is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC, as amended by the Council Directive 2014/48/EU, or any other EU Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council Meeting of 26-27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income, or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
- (iv) Payment by another Paying Agent: presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would be able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the EU.

As used in these Conditions, "Relevant Date" in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon means the date on which payment in respect of it first becomes due (and, for the avoidance of doubt, in the case of arrears of interest, references to "becomes due" shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Condition 5(f)) or (if any amount of the money payable is improperly withheld or refused) the date on which payment in full of the amount outstanding is made or, in the case of Materialised Notes (if earlier) the date seven days after that on which notice is duly given to the Noteholders that, upon further presentation of the Note, Receipt or Coupon being made in accordance with the Conditions, such payment will be made, provided that payment is in fact made upon such presentation. References in these Conditions to (i) "principal" shall be deemed to include any premium payable in respect of the Notes, all Instalment Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts, Amortised Nominal Amounts and all other amounts in the nature of principal payable pursuant to Condition 6 or any amendment or supplement to it, (ii) "interest" shall be deemed to include all Interest Amounts and all other amounts (including, for the avoidance of doubt, all arrears of interest) payable pursuant to Condition 5 or any amendment or supplement to it and (iii) "principal" and/or "interest" shall be deemed to include any Additional Amounts that may be payable under this Condition.

(c) Supply of Information: Each holder of Notes shall be responsible for supplying to the Paying Agent, in a reasonable and timely manner, any information as may be required in order to comply with the identification and reporting obligations imposed on it by the European Council Directive 2003/48/EC, as amended by the Council Directive 2014/48/EU, or any other European Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council Meeting dated 26-27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to such Directive.

# 9 Events of Default

The following will be Events of Default (each, an "Event of Default" with respect to any Note):

- (a) the Issuer defaults in any payment when due of principal or interest on any Note [and the Guarantor defaults in any payment when due under the Guarantee] (including the payment of any Additional Amounts pursuant to the provisions set forth under "Taxation" above); or
- (b) there is a default by the Issuer [or the Guarantor] in the due performance of any other provision of the Notes [or the Guarantee, as the case may be], and such default shall not have been cured within 30 Business Days (as defined in Condition 5(a)) after receipt by the Fiscal Agent of written notice of default given by the Representative upon request of the Noteholder; or
- (c) the Issuer [or the Guarantor] (i) shall fail to make one or more payments when due or within any applicable grace period on any indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee of the indebtedness for money borrowed of another party in an aggregate principal amount of at least Euro 150,000,000 (or, in

each case, the equivalent in another currency) and (ii) (other than where the due date for such defaulted payment is the stated maturity) such indebtedness shall have been accelerated;

- (d) the Issuer [or the Guarantor] (i) becomes insolvent or (ii) is subject to a judgment rendered for its judicial liquidation (liquidation judiciaire) or for a transfer of the whole or part of the business (cession totale ou partielle de l'entreprise) or (iii) is subject to any analogous proceedings under any applicable law[; or
- (e) the Guarantee is not (or is claimed by the Guarantor not to be) in full force and effect].

Whenever an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing during seven calendar days, the acting Representative (as defined in Condition 11(c)(i)) (or, if the relevant Final Terms specify "No Masse", any Noteholder acting in respect of the Notes it holds) may, by written notice to the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent declare the Notes to be due and payable at their principal amount together with any accrued interest thereon, if any, upon the date that written notice is received by or on behalf of the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent. If an Event of Default specified in paragraph (d) occurs, the Notes will be immediately due and payable at their principal amount together with any accrued interest thereon, if any, without any declaration or other act on the part of any Noteholder.

# 10 Prescription

Claims against the Issuer for payment in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons (which for this purpose shall not include Talons) shall be prescribed and become void unless made within 10 years (in the case of principal) or five years (in the case of interest) from the appropriate Relevant Date in respect of them.

# 11 Representation of Noteholders

In respect of the representation of the Noteholders, the following shall apply:

- (a) If the relevant Final Terms specify "No *Masse*", the Noteholders will not, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped for the defence of their common interests in a Masse (as defined below) and the provisions of the French *Code de commerce* relating to the Masse shall not apply; or
- **(b)** If the relevant Final Terms specify "Full *Masse*", the Noteholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interests in a Masse and the provisions of the French *Code de commerce* relating to the Masse shall apply subject to the below provisions of this Condition 11(b).

The names and addresses of the initial Representative of the Masse and its alternate will be set out in the relevant Final Terms. The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes will be the representative of the single Masse of all Tranches in such Series.

The Representative will be entitled to such remuneration in connection with its functions or duties as set out in the relevant Final Terms.

In the event of death, retirement, dissolution or revocation of appointment of the Representative, such Representative will be replaced by another Representative. In the event of the death, retirement, dissolution or revocation of appointment of the alternate Representative, an alternate will be elected by the general meeting of the Noteholders (the "General Meeting").

In accordance with Article R.228-71 of the French *Code de commerce*, the right of each Noteholder to participate in General Meetings will be evidenced by the entries in the books of the relevant Account Holder of the name of such Noteholder as of 0:00, Paris time, on the third business day in Paris preceding the date set for the meeting of the relevant General Meeting.

The place where of a General Meeting shall be held will be set out in the notice convening such General Meeting; or

(c) If the relevant Final Terms specify "Contractual *Masse*", the Noteholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interests in a masse (in each case, the "Masse") which will be subject to the below provisions of this Condition 11(c).

The Masse will be governed by the provisions of the French *Code de commerce* with the exception of Articles L.228-48, L.228-59, Article L.228-65 I 3° only in the case of the transfers of assets of GDF SUEZ to any fully consolidated subsidiary of the Group for regulatory purpose, the second sentence of Article L.228-65 II and Articles R. 228-67 and R. 228-69 subject to the following provisions:

#### (i) Legal Personality

The Masse will be a separate legal entity and will act in part through a representative (the "**Representative**") and in part through a General Meeting.

The Masse alone, to the exclusion of all individual Noteholders, shall exercise the common rights, actions and benefits which now or in the future may accrue respectively with respect to the Notes.

#### (ii) Representative

The office of Representative may be conferred on a person of any nationality. However, the following persons may not be chosen as Representatives:

- the Issuer, the members of its Management Committee (*Comité de Gestion*), its Board of Directors (*Conseil d'Administration*), its general managers (*directeurs généraux*), its statutory auditors, or its employees as well as their ascendants, descendants and spouse; or
- companies guaranteeing all or part of the obligations of the Issuer, their respective managers (gérants), general managers (directeurs généraux), members of their Board of Directors, Executive Board (Directoire), or Supervisory Board (Conseil de Surveillance), their statutory auditors, or employees as well as their ascendants, descendants and spouse; or
- companies holding 10 per cent. or more of the share capital of the Issuer or companies having 10
  per cent. or more of their share capital held by the Issuer; or persons to whom the practice of
  banker is forbidden or who have been deprived of the right of directing, administering or
  managing an enterprise in whatever capacity; or
- persons to whom the practice of banker is forbidden or who have been deprived of the right of directing, administering or managing an enterprise in whatever capacity.

The names and addresses of the initial Representative of the Masse and its alternate will be set out in the relevant Final Terms. The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes will be the representative of the single Masse of all Tranches in such Series.

The Representative will be entitled to such remuneration in connection with its functions or duties as set out in the relevant Final Terms.

In the event of death, retirement, dissolution or revocation of appointment of the Representative, such Representative will be replaced by another Representative. In the event of the death, retirement, dissolution or revocation of appointment of the alternate Representative, an alternate will be elected by the General Meeting.

All interested parties will at all times have the right to obtain the names and addresses of the initial Representative and the alternate Representative at the head office of the Issuer and the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents.

## (iii) Powers of Representative

The Representative shall (in the absence of any decision to the contrary of the General Meeting) have the power to take all acts of management necessary in order to defend the common interests of the Noteholders.

All legal proceedings against the Noteholders or initiated by them, must be brought by or against the Representative.

The Representative may not be involved in the management of the affairs of the Issuer.

#### (iv) General Meeting

A General Meeting may be held at any time, on convocation either by the Issuer or by the Representative. One or more Noteholders, holding together at least one-thirtieth of the principal amount of the Notes outstanding, may address to the Issuer and the Representative a demand for convocation of the General Meeting. If such General Meeting has not been convened within two months after such demand, the Noteholders may commission one of their members to petition a competent court in Paris to appoint an agent (mandataire) who will call the General Meeting.

Notice of the date, hour, place and agenda of any General Meeting will be published as provided under Condition 15 not less than 15 calendar days prior to the date of such General Meeting. Each Noteholder has the right to participate in a General Meeting in person, by proxy, by correspondence or, if the *statuts* of the Issuer so specify, by videoconference or by any other means of telecommunication allowing the identification of participating Noteholders.

Each Note carries the right to one vote or, in the case of Notes issued with more than one Specified Denomination, one vote in respect of each multiple of the lowest Specified Denomination comprised in the principal amount of the Specified Denomination of such Note.

#### (v) Powers of the General Meetings

The General Meeting is empowered to deliberate on the dismissal and replacement of the Representative and the alternate Representative and also may act with respect to any other matter that relates to the common rights, actions and benefits which now or in the future may accrue with respect to the Notes, including authorising the Representative to act at law as plaintiff or defendant.

The General Meeting may further deliberate on any proposal relating to the modification of the Conditions including any proposal, whether for arbitration or settlement, relating to rights in controversy or which were the subject of judicial decisions, it being specified, however, that the General Meeting may not increase the liabilities (*charges*) of the Noteholders, nor establish any unequal treatment between the Noteholders, nor to decide to convert Notes into shares.

General Meetings may deliberate validly on first convocation only if Noteholders present or represented hold at least one fifth of the principal amount of the Notes then outstanding. On second convocation, no quorum shall be required. Decisions at meetings shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast by Noteholders attending such General Meetings or represented thereat.

In accordance with Article R.228-71 of the French *Code de commerce*, the right of each Noteholder to participate in General Meetings will be evidenced by the entries in the books of the relevant Account

Holder of the name of such Noteholder as of 0:00, Paris time, on the third business day in Paris preceding the date set for the meeting of the relevant general assembly.

Decisions of General Meetings must be published in accordance with the provisions set forth in Condition 15.

#### (vi) Information to Noteholders

Each Noteholder or Representative thereof will have the right, during the 15-day period preceding the holding of each General Meeting, to consult or make a copy of the text of the resolutions which will be proposed and of the reports which will be presented at the General Meeting, all of which will be available for inspection by the relevant Noteholders at the registered office of the Issuer, at the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents and at any other place specified in the notice of the General Meeting.

#### (vii) Expenses

The Issuer will pay all expenses relating to the operation of the Masse, including expenses relating to the calling and holding of General Meetings and, more generally, all administrative expenses resolved upon by the General Meeting, it being expressly stipulated that no expenses may be imputed against interest payable under the Notes.

#### (viii) Single Masse

The holders of Notes of the same Series, and the holders of Notes of any other Series which have been assimilated with the Notes of such first mentioned Series in accordance with Condition 14, shall, for the defence of their respective common interests, be grouped in a single Masse. The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes will be the Representative of the single Masse of all such Series.

(d) Whether the relevant Final Terms specify "Full Masse" or "Contractual Masse", if and for so long as the Notes of any Series are held by a single Noteholder, the provisions of Conditions 11(b) or (c) above, as applicable, will not apply. Such sole Noteholder shall hold a register of the decisions it will have taken in this capacity and shall make them available, upon request, to any subsequent holder of all or part of the Notes of such Series.

For the avoidance of doubt, in this Condition 11, the term "outstanding" (as defined in the Agency Agreement) shall not include those Notes purchased by the Issuer in accordance with Article L.213-1 A of the French *Code monétaire et financier* that are held by it and not cancelled.

# 12 Modifications

These Conditions may be completed in relation to any Series of Notes by the terms of the relevant Final Terms in relation to such Series.

The Agency Agreement will be capable of amendment or waiver by the parties thereto, without the consent of Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, for the purpose of curing any ambiguity or of curing, correcting or supplementing any defective provision contained therein or in any manner which the parties to the Agency Agreement mutually deem necessary or desirable and which does not, in the reasonable opinion of the Issuer [and the Guarantor], adversely affect the interests of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders.

# 13 Replacement of definitive Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons

If, in the case of any Materialised Bearer Notes, a Definitive Materialised Bearer Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced, subject to applicable laws, regulations and Regulated Market or other stock exchange regulations, at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent or such other Paying Agent as may from time to time be designated by the Issuer for the purpose and notice of whose designation is given to Noteholders, in each case on payment by the claimant of the fees and costs incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence, security and indemnity (which may provide, inter alia, that if the allegedly lost, stolen or destroyed Definitive Materialised Bearer Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is subsequently presented for payment or, as the case may be, for exchange for further Coupons, there shall be paid to the Issuer on demand the amount payable by the Issuer in respect of such Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes, Receipts, Coupons or further Coupons) and otherwise as the Issuer may require. Mutilated or defaced Materialised Bearer Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

#### 14 Further Issues and Consolidation

- (a) Further Issues: The Issuer may, with prior approval of the Redenomination and Consolidation Agents from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders create and issue further Notes to be assimilated (assimilées) with the Notes provided such Notes and the further Notes carry rights identical in all respects (or in all respects save for the principal amount thereof and the first payment of interest in the relevant Final Terms) and that the terms of such Notes provide for such assimilation and references in these Conditions to "Notes" shall be construed accordingly.
- (b) Consolidation: The Issuer, with the prior approval of the Consolidation Agent, may from time to time on any Interest Payment Date occurring on or after the Redenomination Date on giving not less than 30 calendar days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, consolidate the Notes of one Series with the Notes of one or more other Series issued by it, whether or not originally issued in one of the European national currencies or in euro, provided such other Notes have been redenominated in Euro (if not originally denominated in euro) and which otherwise have, in respect of all periods subsequent to such consolidation, the same terms and conditions as the Notes.

# 15 Notices

- (a) Notices to the holders of Dematerialised Notes issued by the Issuer in registered form (*au nominatif*) shall be valid if either, (i) they are mailed to them at their respective addresses, in which case they will be deemed to have been given on the fourth weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) after the mailing, or, (ii) at the option of the Issuer, they are published (a) as long as such Notes are listed and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris, in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in France (which is expected to be *Les Echos*), or (b) they are published in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the Financial Times) or (c) they are published in accordance with Articles 221-3 and 221-4 of the General Regulations (*Règlement Général*) of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* and so long as such Notes are listed and admitted to trading on any Regulated Market in a leading daily newspaper with general circulation in the city where the Regulated Market on which such Notes are listed and admitted to trading is located and on the website of any other competent authority or Regulated Market of the EEA Member State where the Notes are listed and admitted to trading.
- (b) Notices to the holders of Materialised Bearer Notes and Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (au porteur) shall be valid if published (a) so long as such Notes are listed and admitted to trading on

Euronext Paris, in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in France (which is expected to be *Les Echos*), or (b) they are published in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the Financial Times) or (c) they are published in accordance with Articles 221-3 and 221-4 of the General Regulations (*Règlement Général*) of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* and so long as such Notes are listed and admitted to trading on any Regulated Market in a leading daily newspaper with general circulation in the city where the Regulated Market on which such Notes are listed and admitted to trading is located and on the website of any other competent authority or Regulated Market of the EEA Member State where the Notes are listed and admitted to trading.

- (c) If any such publication is not practicable, notice shall be validly given if published in another leading daily English language newspaper with general circulation in Europe. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first publication. Couponholders shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the holders of Materialised Bearer Notes in accordance with this Condition 15.
- (d) Notices required to be given to the holders of Dematerialised Notes (whether in registered or in bearer form) pursuant to these Conditions may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear France, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and any other clearing system through which the Notes are for the time being cleared in substitution for the mailing and publication of a notice required by Conditions 15 (a), (b) and (c) above; except that (i) so long as the Notes are listed and admitted to trading on a Regulated Market or other stock exchange and the rules of such Regulated Market or other stock exchange so require, notices shall also be published in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in the city where the Regulated Market or other stock exchange on which such Note(s) is/are listed and admitted to trading is located, and (ii) notices relating to the convocation and decision(s) of the General Meetings pursuant to Condition 11 shall also be published in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in Europe.
- (e) Notices will, if published more than once, be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication.

#### 16 Substitution of the Issuer

- (a) The Issuer (such Issuer, the "Initial Issuer") may, at any time by way of novation or otherwise, transfer all (but not some only) of its rights, obligations and liabilities under the Notes (including any further notes issued in accordance with Condition 14), Receipts and Coupons to a fully consolidated subsidiary of GDF SUEZ or its successor at any time (the "Substituted Issuer"), and the holders of Notes, Receipts and Coupons will be deemed to have expressly consented to any such transfer releasing and discharging the Initial Issuer from its obligations and liabilities under such Notes, Receipts and Coupons, subject to (except if such substituted Issuer is GDF SUEZ) such obligations and liabilities being unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by GDF SUEZ under an irrevocable and unconditional guarantee (the "Guarantee") pursuant to an autonomous obligation (garantie autonome) of GDF SUEZ, substantially in the form set out in the section entitled "Pro-forma of the Guarantee of GDF SUEZ" of the Base Prospectus dated 2 October 2014, and the Conditions (including this Condition 16) shall thereupon apply to such Substituted Issuer, provided that:
  - (i) as a consequence of such substitution, the Notes do not cease to be listed and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market on which they are then listed and admitted to trading or, if listed on any other stock exchange, the Notes do not cease to be listed on such stock exchange;
  - (ii) no payment in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons is at the relevant time overdue;

- (iii) at the time of any such substitution, the Substituted Issuer is in a position to fulfil all payment obligations arising from or in connection with the Notes in freely convertible and transferable lawful money without the necessity of any taxes or duties to be withheld at source, and to transfer all amounts which are required therefor to the Fiscal Agent without any restrictions;
- (iv) the Substituted Issuer assumes all of the Issuer's obligations under the Notes, including the obligations to pay Additional Amounts, if any, and indemnifies each Noteholder, Receipts and Coupons against (i) any tax, assessment or governmental charge imposed on such Noteholder or required to be withheld or deducted as a consequence of such substitution and (ii) any costs or expenses of such substitution;
- (v) the Substituted Issuer is validly existing under the laws under which it is established or incorporated, has capacity to assume all rights, obligations and liabilities under the Notes, Receipts and Coupons and has obtained all necessary corporate authorisations to assume all such rights, obligations and liabilities under the Notes;
- (vi) the Substituted Issuer has obtained all necessary governmental or regulatory approvals and consents for the performance by it of its obligations in connection with the Notes, Receipts and Coupons and that all such approvals and consents are in full force and effect;
- (vii) the Substituted Issuer (a) if the relevant Notes are rated at the relevant time, has obtained, prior to the substitution date, a written confirmation from the relevant Rating Agencies that the substitution will not result in whole or in part in a withdrawal, downgrading, placement in creditwatch or negative outlook of the Notes or (b) if the Notes are not rated, benefits from a corporate credit rating from at least one of the Rating Agencies, at least equal to the corporate credit rating of the Initial Issuer; for the purpose of this paragraph, Rating Agencies means a rating agency of standard use on the international capital markets, notably S&P. and its successors and Moody's and its successors; and
- (viii) the Initial Issuer has, prior to the substitution date, delivered to the Permanent Dealers and to the Fiscal Agent for the benefit of the holders of the relevant Notes, Receipts and Coupons a legal opinion in such form as agreed with the Permanent Dealers, from an international law firm of good repute in France and, as the case may be, a legal opinion from an international law firm of good repute in the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Substituted Issuer, confirming the legality, validity and enforceability of the substitution, the relevant Notes, the Guarantee of GDF SUEZ, the ancillary agreements required to be entered into in relation to the substitution and the obligations of the Substituted Issuer in relation to the substitution.
- **(b)** Any such substitution shall be published in accordance with Condition 15.
- (c) The Autorité des marchés financiers shall be informed of any such substitution.
- (d) In the event of such substitution, any reference in the Conditions to the Initial Issuer shall from then on be deemed to refer to the Substituted Issuer and any reference to the Republic of France shall from then on be deemed to refer to the country of incorporation of the Substituted Issuer.

# 17 Governing Law and Jurisdiction

(a) Governing Law: The Notes (and, where applicable, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons) [and the Guarantee] and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them, are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, French law.

**(b) Jurisdiction**: Any claim against the Issuer in connection with any Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons [or the Guarantee] may be brought before any competent court located within the jurisdiction of the *Cour d'Appel* of Paris.

#### PRO-FORMA OF THE GUARANTEE OF GDF SUEZ

The following is the pro-forma of the guarantee that GDF SUEZ is expected to issue in connection with the substitution of Issuer provided under Condition 16 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes:

The undersigned GDF SUEZ, a public limited liability company (a *société anonyme*) with a share capital of €[•] whose head-office is located at 1, place Samuel de Champlain, 92400 Courbevoie, France, represented by [•], duly authorised to deliver this guarantee (the "Guarantee") by [•] hereinafter referred to as the "Guarantor" or "GDF SUEZ", hereby refers to:

(A) The following Series of Euro Medium Term Notes (together, the "Notes"), which have been issued by GDF SUEZ under a Euro Medium Term Notes Programme in the aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding not exceeding at any time €25,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in any other currencies) (the "Programme"):

[briefly describe Series of Notes issued in respect of which the Issuer has been substituted];

- (B) the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "**Terms and Conditions**" or, with respect to a particular numbered condition, a "**Condition**"), and in particular Condition 16;
- (C) the amended and restated agency agreement (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Agency Agreement") dated 2 October 2014 between GDF SUEZ as Issuer, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as fiscal agent and the other agents named in it;
- (D) the amended and restated dealer agreement (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Dealer Agreement" and together with the Agency Agreement, the "Agreements") dated 2 October 2014 entered into between GDF SUEZ as Issuer and the Permanent Dealers and the Arranger,
- (E) the transfer by GDF SUEZ to [●], a company incorporated under the laws of [●], which as of the transfer date is a fully consolidated subsidiary of GDF SUEZ and whose head-office is located at [●] (the "Substituted Issuer") of all (but not some only) of the rights, obligations and liabilities of GDF SUEZ under the Notes (including any further notes issued in accordance with Condition 14), Receipts and Coupons, as of [●].

The Guarantor hereby declares being fully aware of all the Terms and Conditions, the Agreements and the Programme.

In this context, the Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees up to a maximum outstanding principal amount of  $\mathfrak{E}[\bullet]$ , pursuant to an autonomous obligation (*garantie autonome*), to the holders of the Notes transferred to the Substituted Issuer (the "Noteholders") the payment of interest and principal of the Notes. The Guarantor thus undertakes within two business days of first written demand to pay to the Noteholder an amount certified from time to time in a certificate (a "**Demand Certificate**") that:

- corresponds to interest on or principal of the Notes, or any other amount capable of falling due under the Notes (including any Additional Amounts required to be paid pursuant to the terms of the Notes);
   and
- (ii) has not been paid on the due date (whether at maturity, upon redemption by acceleration of maturity or otherwise) by the Substituted Issuer and remains due and owing on the date of the Demand Certificate.

This Guarantee is independent and constitutes an autonomous obligation (*garantie autonome*) of the Guarantor towards the Noteholders governed by Article 2321 of the French *Code civil* and the Guarantor may not invoke any defence that the Substituted Issuer could assert against a Noteholder including the unenforceability or invalidity of any obligation of the Substituted Issuer under the Notes. The Guarantor hereby waives any

requirement that the Noteholders, in the event of any default in payment by the Substituted Issuer, first makes demand upon or seeks to enforce remedies against the Substituted Issuer before seeking to enforce this Guarantee. The Guarantor also waives any consent, extension (whether express or implied) or amendment of any of the terms of the Notes, any consolidation, merger, conveyance or transformation of the Substituted Issuer or any of its assets, or any other circumstance that might constitute a defence or discharge of a guarantor.

This Guarantee constitutes an unconditional, unsecured and unsubordinated obligation of the Guarantor and ranks and will at all times rank (save for certain exceptions required to be preferred by law) equally with all other present or future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness, obligations and guarantees of the Guarantor.

So long as any of the Notes or, if applicable, any Receipts or Coupons relating to them, remains outstanding (as defined in the Agency Agreement), the Guarantor will not grant any mortgage (hypothèque), pledge or other form of security interest (sûreté réelle) which are not created over cash on any of its present or future tangible assets, intangible assets or revenues in each case for the benefit of holders of other negotiable bonds, notes or debt securities it guarantees and having an original maturity of more than one year, which are, or which are capable of being quoted, listed or ordinarily dealt with on any stock exchange, without granting the same ranking security to the Notes.

None of the above shall prevent the Guarantor from securing any present or future indebtedness for the benefit of holders of other negotiable bonds, notes or debt instruments it guarantees and which are, or are capable of being, quoted, listed, or ordinarily dealt with on any stock exchange, where such indebtedness is incurred for the purpose of, and the proceeds thereof are used in, (i) the purchase of an asset and such security is provided over or in respect of such asset or (ii) the refinancing of any indebtedness incurred for the purpose of (i) above, provided that the security is provided over or in respect of the same asset.

For so long as any amount remains payable in respect of the Notes, the Guarantor will not exercise any right of subrogation against the Substituted Issuer pursuant to this Guarantee or take any other action that would result in asserting claims of the Guarantor at the same time as claims of the Noteholders.

If the Guarantor should be compelled by law to make any deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, fees or imposts, of whatsoever nature, imposed or levied by French law, it shall pay, to the extent not prohibited by French law, such Additional Amounts as may be necessary in order that the Noteholders receive, after such deduction, the amount provided in such Notes to be then due and payable.

This Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect until all of the Substituted Issuer's payment obligations arising under the Notes have been fully and irrevocably performed. Upon transfer of any of the Notes, this Guarantee will automatically pass to the new holder of such Notes. This Guarantee is governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, French law. Any claim against the Guarantor in connection with the Guarantee may be brought before any competent court located within the jurisdiction of the Paris *Cour d'Appel*. Notice of any action or proceeding may be served on the Guarantor, for the attention of: [*Chief Financial Officer*, at its registered and principal office, 1, place Samuel de Champlain, 92400 Courbevoie, France].

Terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the Terms and Conditions as set out in the Base Prospectus of the Issuer dated 2 October 2014 relating to the Programme.

Signed in Paris on [●] in two (2) originals, one for the Guarantor and one for the Fiscal Agent under the above referred Programme.

# **GDF SUEZ**

By: [Gérard Mestrallet

Title: Président-Directeur Général

# TEMPORARY GLOBAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN RESPECT OF MATERIALISED BEARER NOTES

# **Temporary Global Certificate**

A Temporary Global Certificate, without interest Coupons, will initially be issued in connection with Materialised Bearer Notes. Upon the initial deposit of such Temporary Global Certificate with a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (the "Common Depositary"), Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg will credit each subscriber with a nominal amount of Notes equal to the nominal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

The Common Depositary may also (if indicated in the relevant Final Terms) credit the accounts of subscribers with other clearing systems through direct or indirect accounts with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg held by such other clearing systems with a nominal amount of Notes. Conversely, a nominal amount of Notes that is initially deposited with any clearing system other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg may similarly be credited to the accounts of subscribers with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or other clearing systems.

#### **Exchange**

Each Temporary Global Certificate issued in respect of Materialised Bearer Notes will be exchangeable, free of charge to the holder, on or after its Exchange Date (as defined below):

- if the relevant Final Terms indicates that such Temporary Global Certificate is issued in compliance with the C Rules or in a transaction to which TEFRA is not applicable, in whole, but not in part, for Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes; and
- (ii) otherwise, for Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes upon certification in the form set out in the Agency Agreement as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership.

A Noteholder must exchange its share of the Temporary Global Certificate for definitive Materialised Bearer Notes before interest or any amount payable in respect of the Notes will be paid.

# **Delivery of Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes**

On or after its Exchange Date, the holder of the Temporary Global Certificate must surrender such Temporary Global Certificate to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent. In exchange for the Temporary Global Certificate so surrendered, the Issuer will deliver, or procure the delivery of, an equal aggregate nominal amount of duly executed and authenticated Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes.

In this Base Prospectus, "**Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes**" means, in relation to any Temporary Global Certificate, the definitive Materialised Bearer Notes for which such Temporary Global Certificate may be exchanged (if appropriate, having attached to them all Coupons and Receipts in respect of interest or Instalment Amounts that have not already been paid on the Temporary Global Certificate and a Talon). Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes will be security printed in accordance with any applicable legal and Regulated Market or stock exchange requirements in, or substantially in, the form set out in the Schedules to the Agency Agreement.

# **Exchange Date**

**"Exchange Date**" means, in relation to a Temporary Global Certificate, the day next succeeding the day that is 40 calendar days after its issue date.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds of the issue of the Notes will be used for the Issuer's general corporate purposes. If in respect of any particular issue of Notes, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the relevant Final Terms.

#### DESCRIPTION OF GDF SUEZ

#### 1 General Information about GDF SUEZ

#### **Identification of GDF SUEZ**

GDF SUEZ is registered at the *Registre du commerce et des sociétés de Nanterre* under reference number 542 107 651. Its registered and principal office is currently at 1, place Samuel de Champlain, 92400 Courbevoie, France. GDF SUEZ's contact telephone number is +33 1 44 22 00 00. GDF SUEZ's website is www.gdfsuez.com.

GDF SUEZ is a *société anonyme* (a form of limited liability company) established under French law until 17 November 2103. The legal and commercial name of GDF SUEZ is "GDF SUEZ".

GDF SUEZ has been established following the merger-takeover of Suez by Gaz de France which has been effective since 22 July 2008.

# **Corporate Purpose of GDF SUEZ**

The corporate purpose of GDF SUEZ is set out in Article 2 of its bylaws (*statuts*) and is the management and development of its current and future assets, in all countries and by all means and, especially to:

- prospect, produce, process, import, export, buy, transport, store, distribute, supply and market combustible gas, electricity and all other energy;
- trade in gas, electricity and all other energy;
- supply services related to the aforementioned activities;
- carry out the public service missions that are assigned to it under current law and regulations, in particular, the Electricity and Gas Nationalization law No. 46-628 of 8 April 1946, the Gas and Electricity Markets and the Public Service of Energy law No. 2003-8 of 3 January 2003, the Public Service of Electricity, Gas and Electrical and Gas Companies No. 2004-803 of 9 August 2004 as well as the Energy Sector law No. 2006-1537 of 7 December 2006;
- study, design and implement all projects and all public or private works on behalf of all local authorities and individuals; prepare and enter into all agreements, contracts and transactions related to the implementation of the said projects and works;
- participate directly or indirectly in all operations or activities of any kind that may be connected to
  one of the aforementioned objects or that are liable to further the development of the company's
  assets, including research and engineering activities, by setting up new companies or undertakings, by
  contribution, subscription or purchase of securities or rights with respect to entities, by acquiring
  interests or holdings, in any form whatsoever, in all existing or future undertakings or companies, via
  mergers, partnerships or any other form;
- create, acquire, rent, take in lease management all property, real property and businesses, rent, install, and operate all establishments, businesses, plants or workshops connected with one of the aforementioned objects;
- register, acquire, operate, grant or sell all processes, patents and patent licenses relating to the activities connected with one of the aforementioned objects;
- obtain, acquire, rent and operate, mainly via subsidiaries and holdings, all concessions and undertakings related to the supply of drinking water to municipalities or water to industry, to the

- evacuation and purification of waste water, to drainage and sanitation operations, to irrigation and transport, to protection and pondage structures as well as all to sales and service activities to public authorities and individuals in the development of towns and the management of the environment;
- and in general to carry out all industrial, commercial, financial, personal property or real property operations and activities of any kind, including services, in particular insurance intermediation, acting as an agent or delegated agent in a complementary, independent or research position; these operations and activities being directly or indirectly related, in whole or in part, to any one of the aforementioned objects, to any similar, complementary or related objects and to those that may further the development of the Company's business.

The corporate purpose of GDF SUEZ may, furthermore, be amended by the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in accordance with applicable law and its bylaws (*statuts*).

#### **Overview of Activities**

The GDF SUEZ Group is one of the world's leading industrial companies and a benchmark in the fields of gas, electricity and energy services.

It is active throughout the entire energy value chain, in electricity and natural gas, upstream to downstream in:

- (a) purchasing, production and marketing of natural gas and electricity;
- (b) transmission, storage, distribution, management and development of major natural gas infrastructures;
- (c) energy services.

GDF SUEZ operates a well-balanced business model:

- (d) through its presence in complementary business activities across the value chain;
- (e) through its presence in regions exposed to different business and economic cycles, with a strong presence in emerging markets with their greater prospects for growth, a position that was further strengthened in 2011 and 2012 with the integration of International Power. While the Group still intends to maintain its position as a key player in Europe and a leader of the energy transition, it is now a benchmark energy provider in the emerging world;
- (f) through its presence allocated between activities that are exposed to market uncertainties and others that offer recurring revenue (infrastructure, services, PPA-type contracts, etc.);
- (g) through a balanced energy mix with priority given to low- and zero-carbon energy sources.

The markets in which the Group is expanding are currently undergoing profound change:

- (h) increase in energy demand is concentrated in the fast growing economies;
- (i) in Europe, the energy transition has begun in many countries;
- (j) energy will be increasingly managed at local level, and even individually (consumer-player); and
- (k) natural gas is playing a more central role at global level due to abundant resources as shale gas production develops and to strong growth in demand.

In view of this situation, the Group's two strategic priorities are:

- (l) to be the benchmark energy player in the fast growing markets; and
- (m) to be the leader in the energy transition in Europe.

GDF SUEZ's strategic priorities are implemented through its various activities.

In Europe, the Group has to adapt to the profound changes taking place in the energy sector and increase the priority it gives to its customer approach.

Internationally, GDF SUEZ aims to step up its development by positioning itself right across the value chain and expanding the range of businesses and regions.

Listed in Brussels (Belgium) and Paris (France). GDF SUEZ shares are included in the CAC 40 index, the main index published by NYSE Euronext Paris. GDF SUEZ is also included in all the major stock indices: BEL 20, Euro STOXX 50, STOXX Europe 600, MSCI Europe, EURO STOXX Utilities, STOXX Europe 600 Utilities, Euronext Vigeo World 120, Euronext Vigeo Europe 120 and Euronext Vigeo France 20.

In 2013, GDF SUEZ was ranked second among listed utilities worldwide by Forbes magazine in its annual ranking of the 2,000 largest listed global companies (95th in the general category, 6th among French companies).

The Group's fundamental values are drive, commitment, daring, and cohesion.

As at 31 December 2013, GDF SUEZ is organized at operational level into five business lines:

- the **Energy Europe business line** is in charge of electricity production, energy management and electricity and natural gas sales (all segments) in continental Europe. It is also in charge of natural gas distribution and storage in part of Europe<sup>(1)</sup>;
- the **Energy International business line** is organized into five geographical regions (Latin America; North America; the United Kingdom and Europe; South Asia, the Middle East and Africa; and Asia-Pacific). It is active in electricity production and closely associated activities such as LNG regasification, seawater desalination and international retail sales outside continental Europe<sup>(2)</sup>;
- the **Global Gas and LNG business line** is in charge of the exploration & production of gas and oil, and the supply, transportation and sale of liquefied natural gas;
- the **Infrastructures business line** pools the activities of networks and infrastructures, mainly in France: transmission of natural gas, gasification of LNG, storage of natural gas and distribution of natural gas;
- the Energy Services business line offers its customers industrial and tertiary companies and local authorities - sustainable energy and environmental efficiency solutions in engineering, installation and energy services.

The GDF SUEZ center (based both in Paris and Brussels) is responsible for guidance and control, and also provides expertise and service missions for its internal customers.

See also section 4.1 of the GDF SUEZ 2013 Registration Document – Report by the Chairman of the Board of Directors on corporate governance and internal control and risk management procedures pursuant to Article L.225-37 of the French *Code de commerce*.

The Company operates its own business; it has the organisation of an integrated industrial group. At the end of 2013, the number of the Company's direct or indirect subsidiaries (controlling interest) was approximately 1,600. The Group's main consolidated companies are listed in Section 6.2 "Consolidated financial statements – Note 30 (List of main consolidated companies at December 31, 2013)" of the GDF SUEZ 2013 Registration Document.

<sup>(1)</sup> Mainly in Hungary and Romania

<sup>(2)</sup> As well as activities associated with International Power's assets in continental Europe

# 2 Share Capital Structure of GDF SUEZ

# Share capital

At 31 December 2013, the share capital of GDF SUEZ stood at €2,412,824,089 divided into 2,412,824,089 fully paid-up shares with a par value of €1 each.

# Breakdown of share capital

At 31 December 2013, the Issuer held 52,543,021 shares in treasury stock.

In fiscal year 2013, there was no change in the Issuer's share capital.

31 December 2013	% of share capital	% of voting rights <sup>(a)</sup>
French State	36.7%	37.5%
Groupe Bruxelles Lambert (GBL)	2.4%	2.5%
Employee shareholding	2.4%	2.4%
CDC Group	1.9%	1.9%
CNP Assurances	1.0%	1.1%
Sofina	0.5%	0.5%
Treasury stock	2.2%	0%
Management	Not significant	Not significant
Public	52.9	54.1%
	100%	100%

<sup>(</sup>a) Calculated based on the number of shares and voting rights outstanding at 31 December 2013.

Under the terms of Act No.2004-803 of 9 August 2004 as amended by Act No. 2006-1537 dated 7 December 2006, the French State must at all times hold more than one third of GDF SUEZ's capital.

The shares of the Issuer are listed on Euronext Paris Eurolist market, (Compartment A), under ISIN FR0010208488 - Ticker: GSZ. They are also listed on Euronext Brussels.

# 3 Corporate Governance

Pursuant to Article 13 of its bylaws and pursuant to the provisions of Articles L.225-17, L.225-23 and L.225-27 of the French *Code de commerce* regarding the composition of the Board of directors, the Board of Directors of GDF SUEZ is composed of a maximum of 22 members. For the composition of the Board of directors, see "Documents Incorporated by Reference".

# 4 Rating

GDF SUEZ is currently rated A1/P-1 with stable outlook by Moody's and A with stable outlook/A-1 by S&P.

# RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE ISSUER

The recent developments of the Issuer are the following:

#### Press Release dated 7 August 2014

# GDF SUEZ and its partners take Final Investment Decision for the Cameron LNG project

GDF SUEZ and its partners in the Cameron LNG project announced the Final Investment Decision (FID) for the construction of the liquefaction plant.

Cameron LNG is located on an industrial-zoned site along the Calcasieu Channel in Hackberry, Louisiana. The plant will produce and export up to 12 million tons per year with 3 liquefaction trains. The construction works on site will start this fall. The total cost of this facility will be around USD 10 billion. The production of the first train is expected to start in early 2018, with second and third trains following later in 2018 and in 2019 respectively. After completion of the plant, GDF SUEZ will have a 4 mtpa liquefaction capacity booked on a long-term tolling basis.

This decision follows receipt by Cameron LNG of the authorization to construct from the US Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and receipt of the conditional approval from the US Department of Energy (DOE) to export LNG to nations with which the United States does not have a Free Trade Agreement.

Gérard Mestrallet, President and CEO of GDF SUEZ stated "We are very pleased to partner in one of the first LNG export projects in the US. The Cameron LNG project is a key element in GDF SUEZ' ambitious LNG strategy as it will enable us to provide our customers around the world with a safe and secure supply of LNG on medium and long term basis. We would like to express our sincere pleasure with working with our partners – Sempra, Mitsubishi, Mitsui and NYK - in achieving this new milestone. The Cameron LNG project will be beneficial for the United States and will contribute to matching the growing energy needs of importing countries especially in Asia, and to security of gas supply in the world."

# GDF SUEZ and the Cameron LNG project:

In May 2013, GDF SUEZ concluded the Joint Venture Agreement for Cameron LNG with Sempra (50,2%), Mitsubishi (16,6%, through a company established between Mitsubishi Corporation and NYK) and Mitsui (16,6%), and a Liquefaction and Regasification Tolling Agreement with Cameron LNG. Under these agreements GDF SUEZ will hold a stake of 16.6% in the project and will have a long term liquefaction capacity of 4 million tons per annum (mtpa), on a long term basis.

An Engineering and Procurement Contract (EPC) has been awarded to a joint venture of the firms CB&I from the US and Chiyoda from Japan.

GDF SUEZ is a global LNG player and the main LNG importer in Europe. Today, with 16 mtpa, GDF SUEZ has the third largest LNG supply portfolio in the world, supplied from six different countries. It controls a large fleet of 14 LNG carriers under medium and long term charter agreements. The fleet is permanently optimized to satisfy GDF SUEZ' long term commitments and short term opportunities. The Group has also a significant presence in regasification terminals around the world.

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# GDF SUEZ signs agreement to sell assets in Panama and Costa Rica

GDF SUEZ announces that it has signed an agreement for the sale of its assets located in Panama and Costa Rica to Celsia, a Colombian company. Assets included in the transaction are the wholly owned 118 MW Dos Mares hydro complex, 83 MW Cativa fuel oil plant and 50 MW Guanacaste wind farm, together with the 249 MW Bahia Las Minas thermal complex (coal and fuel oil plants), in which GDF SUEZ has a 51% share.

The sale is the result of a direct negotiation initiated with Celsia. Given the value creation from the offer received, the transaction fits with the Group's strategy to recycle capital and enhance the value of its portfolio. This transaction will result in a reduction of around USD 1 billion of GDF SUEZ consolidated net debt. Completion is expected towards the end of 2014.

In line with the Group's ambition to be the benchmark energy player in fast growing markets, proceeds from this transaction will be redeployed to consolidate current strongholds and materialize new opportunities in fast growing countries.

#### **Notes:**

Today, GDF SUEZ Energy Latin America is present in Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Chile, Panama, Peru and Uruguay, supporting this fast growing continent in its economic development, respecting the environment and providing essential services to its people. We manage and operate a diversified energy portfolio. Two thirds of the electricity it generates is renewable.

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# GDF SUEZ starts construction of Ramones II South pipeline, a project to reinforce energy security in Mexico

GDF SUEZ, together with its partner PEMEX, announces the start of construction on the Ramones Phase II South pipeline (Ramones II South), a segment of the Ramones natural gas pipeline system, which is one of the largest energy infrastructure projects in Mexico's history, extending from the Texas border to central Mexico.

Established as a joint venture¹ between PEMEX and GDF SUEZ, Ramones II South will span 291 kilometers from San Luis Potosi to Apaseo El Alto, Guanajuato, and represents a total estimated investment cost of USD 1 billion. The Ramones II South pipeline will have the capacity to deliver 1.4 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas

"We are delighted to begin construction of the Ramones II South pipeline, which will be key to the expansion of the natural gas transportation system in Mexico," said Gerard Mestrallet, Chairman and CEO of GDF SUEZ. "This investment demonstrates our Group's confidence in Mexico's growing economy and our commitment to play an important role as an investor in Mexico's energy future." The company responsible for the construction of the 42-inch diameter pipeline is ICA Fluor.

GDF SUEZ will operate and maintain the project from its completion, which is anticipated by the end of 2015. The project is expected to generate 1,480 construction jobs and 3,000 indirect jobs.

The Ramones natural gas pipeline, of a total length exceeding 1,000 kilometres, will be an important project for the development and energy security of Mexico, allowing for the importation from the United States of up to 2.1 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas.

GDF SUEZ has significant experience in managing large natural gas projects locally in Mexico and internationally. Since beginning operations in Mexico more than 15 years ago, he Group currently operates nearly 1,000 km of pipelines in the country. Additionally in Mexico, GDF SUEZ operates six local gas distribution companies serving more than 400,000 customers and three natural gas-fired power plants that serve a variety of industrial clients and public utility companies. GDF SUEZ is also the leading natural gas distribution network operator in Europe and the third largest liquefied natural gas (LNG) importer in the world.

# About GDF SUEZ in North America

GDF SUEZ Mexico is part of GDF SUEZ Energy North America, Inc., which manages a range of energy businesses in the United States, Mexico, and Canada, including electricity generation and cogeneration, natural gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG) distribution and sales, and retail energy sales and related services to commercial and industrial customers. GDF SUEZ Energy North America owns and/or operates cogeneration, steam, and chilled water facilities, including those in construction, representing a capacity of close to 13,000 MW of electricity generation, 3.5 million pounds per hour of steam, and 37,000 tons per hour of chilled water. Renewable fuels—wind, hydro, biomass, and solar—power 28 of the facilities in the portfolio. The company's natural gas assets include an LNG receiving terminal just north of Boston, Massachusetts, and natural gas distribution networks and pipelines in Mexico that serve more than 400,000 customers.

GDF SUEZ Energy North America is a subsidiary of the international energy Group GDF SUEZ. For more information: www.gdfsuezna.com and www.gdfsuez.com.

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# **Decision of the Competition Authority on natural gas markets**

GDF SUEZ has been informed by the Competition Authority of its decision issued today related to a request for protective measures made by an alternative supplier in the natural gas and electricity sectors.

The Group is currently studying all available options, including that of appealing the decision.

GDF SUEZ firmly refutes any accusation that it has abused a dominant position. The Group would point out that natural gas markets are already highly competitive, having been so since the non-household customers market was progressively opened to competition in 2000 and 2004, followed by the household market in 2007.

With regard to the household market, alternative suppliers hold a 14.7% market share in relation to consumption sites and 14.9% in terms of annual consumption volume and account for 58.6% of gross sales (Electricity and gas market observatory, Q1 2014 – CRE).

In the non-household market, alternative suppliers hold a 26.2% market share with regard to consumption sites, 49.6% in annual consumption volume, and account for 60% of gross sales (Electricity and gas market observatory, Q1 2014 – CRE).

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#### **TAXATION**

The following is a general description of certain tax considerations in a number of jurisdictions relating to the Notes. It does not purport to be a complete analysis of all tax considerations relating to the Notes, whether in France or elsewhere. Prospective purchasers of Notes should consult their own tax advisers as to which countries' tax laws could be relevant to acquiring, holding and disposing of Notes and receiving payments of interest, principal and/or other amounts under the Notes and the consequences of such actions under the tax laws of those countries. This summary is based upon the current legislation, published case law and other published guidelines and regulations as in effect on the date of this Base Prospectus and is subject to any change in law that may take effect after such date (potentially with retroactive effect). This description is for general information only and does not purport to be comprehensive.

# **European Union**

Under Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income (the "Savings Directive"), Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of certain payments of interest or similar income paid or secured by a person established in a Member State to or for the benefit of an individual resident in another Member State or certain limited types of entities established in another Member State.

On 24 March 2014, the Council of the European Union adopted a Council Directive amending and broadening the scope of the requirements described above. Member States are required to apply these new requirements from 1 January 2017. The changes will expand the range of payments covered by the Savings Directive, in particular to include additional types of income payable on securities. The Savings Directive will also expand the circumstances in which payments that indirectly benefit an individual resident in a Member State must be reported. This approach will apply to payments made to, or secured for, persons, entities or legal arrangements (including trusts) where certain conditions are satisfied, and may in some cases apply where the person, entity or arrangement is established or effectively managed outside of the European Union.

For a transitional period, Luxembourg and Austria are required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments. The changes referred to above will broaden the types of payments subject to withholding in those Member States which still operate a withholding system when they are implemented. In April 2013, the Luxembourg Government announced its intention to abolish the withholding system with effect from 1 January 2015, in favour of automatic information exchange under the Savings Directive.

The transitional period shall end at the end of the first full fiscal year following the later of (i) the date of entry into force of an agreement between the European Community, following a unanimous decision of the European Council, and the last of Switzerland, Liechtenstein, San Marino, Monaco and Andorra, providing for the exchange of information upon request as defined in the OECD Model Agreement on Exchange of Information on Tax Matters released on 18 April 2002 (the "OECD Model Agreement") with respect to interest payments within the meaning of the Savings Directive, in addition to the simultaneous application by those same countries of a withholding tax on such payments and (ii) the date on which the Council unanimously agrees that the United States of America is committed to exchange of information upon request as defined in the OECD Model Agreement with respect to interest payments within the meaning of the Savings Directive.

A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

# France

#### EU Savings Directive

The Savings Directive was implemented into French law under Article 242 ter of the French Code général des impôts, which imposes on paying agents based in France an obligation to report to the French tax authorities certain information with respect to interest payments made to beneficial owners domiciled in another Member State, including, among other things, the identity and address of the beneficial owner and a detailed list of the different categories of interest paid to that beneficial owner.

# Withholding tax

The following is an overview of certain withholding tax considerations that may be relevant to holders of the Notes who do not concurrently hold shares of the Issuer or are otherwise affiliated with the Issuer within the meaning of article 39,12 of the French Code général des impôts. Holders of the Notes who concurrently hold shares of the Issuer or are otherwise affiliated with the Issuer may be impacted by other rules not described in the present section.

Following the introduction of the French *loi de finances rectificative pour 2009 no. 3* (n° 2009-1674 dated 30 December 2009 applicable as from 1 March 2010) (the "Law"), payments of interest and other revenues made by the Issuer with respect to Notes issued on or after 1 March 2010 (other than Notes (described below) which are assimilated (assimilées) and form a single series with Notes issued prior to 1 March 2010 having the benefit of Article 131 quater of the French Code général des impôts) will not be subject to the withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French Code général des impôts unless such payments are made outside France in a non-cooperative State or territory (Etat ou territoire non coopératif) within the meaning of Article 238-0 A of the French Code général des impôts (a "Non-Cooperative State"). If such payments under the Notes are made in a Non-Cooperative State, a 75 per cent. withholding tax will be applicable (subject to certain exceptions and to the more favourable provisions of an applicable double tax treaty) by virtue of Article 125 A III of the French Code général des impôts.

Furthermore, according to Article 238 A of the French *Code général des impôts* interest and other revenues on such Notes will not be deductible from the Issuer's taxable income if they are paid or accrued to persons domiciled or established in a Non-Cooperative State or paid on a bank account opened in such a Non-Cooperative State (the "**Deductibility Exclusion**"). Under certain conditions, any such non-deductible interest and other revenues may be recharacterised as constructive dividends pursuant to Article 109 *et seq.* of the French *Code général des impôts*, in which case such non-deductible interest and other revenues may be subject to the withholding tax set out under Article 119 bis of the French *Code général des impôts*, at a rate of 30 per cent. or 75 per cent. subject to the more favourable provisions of a tax treaty, if applicable.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Law provides that neither the 75 per cent. withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French *Code général des impôts* nor the Deductibility Exclusion will apply in respect of a particular issue of Notes if the Issuer can prove that the principal purpose and effect of such issue of Notes was not that of allowing the payments of interest or other revenues to be made in a Non-Cooperative State (the "Exception"). Pursuant to the *Bulletins Officiels des Finances Publiques-Impôts* BOI-INT-DG-20-50-20140211 no. 990, BOI-RPPM-RCM-30-10-20-40-20140211 no. 70, BOI-IR-DOMIC-10-20-20-60-20140211 no. 10 and BOI-ANNX-000364-20120912 no. 20, an issue of Notes will benefit from the Exception without the Issuer having to provide any proof of the purpose and effect of such issue of Notes, if such Notes are:

(i) offered by means of a public offer within the meaning of Article L.411-1 of the French Code monétaire et financier or pursuant to an equivalent offer in a State other than in a Non-Cooperative State. For this purpose, an "equivalent offer" means any offer requiring the registration or submission of an offer document by or with a foreign securities market authority; or

- (ii) admitted to trading on a regulated market or on a French or foreign multilateral securities trading system provided that such market or system is not located in a Non-Cooperative State, and the operation of such market is carried out by a market operator or an investment services provider, or by such other similar foreign entity, provided further that such market operator, investment services provider or entity is not located in a Non-Cooperative State; or
- (iii) admitted, at the time of their issue, to the clearing operations of a central depositary or of a securities clearing and delivery and payments systems operator within the meaning of Article L.561-2 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*, or of one or more similar foreign depositaries or operators provided that such depositary or operator is not located in a Non-Cooperative State.

#### Notes which are to be assimilated (assimilées) with Notes issued before 1 March 2010

Payments of interest and other revenues with respect to Notes which are to be assimilated (*assimilées*) and form a single series with Notes issued before 1 March 2010 and having the benefit of Article 131 *quater* of the French *Code général des impôts*, will be exempt from the withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French *Code général des impôts*.

Notes issued before 1 March 2010, whether denominated in Euro or in any other currency, and constituting obligations under French law, or titres de créances négociables within the meaning of the Bulletin Officiel des Finances Publiques – Impôts BOI-RPPM-RCM-30-10-30-20140211 or other debt securities issued under French or foreign law and considered by the French tax authorities as falling into similar categories, are deemed to be issued outside the Republic of France for the purpose of Article 131 quater of the French Code général des impôts, in accordance with the above-mentioned regulation.

In addition, interest and other revenues paid by the Issuer on Notes which are to be assimilated (assimilées) and form a single series with Notes issued before 1 March 2010 will not be subject to the Deductibility Exclusion, and hence will not be subject to the withholding tax set out in Article 119 bis of the French Code général des impôts solely on account of their being paid on a bank account opened in a Non-Cooperative State or accrued or paid to persons established or domiciled in a Non-Cooperative State.

# Withholding tax applicable to French tax resident individuals

Pursuant to Article 125 A of the French *Code général des impôts*, subject to certain limited exceptions, interest and similar income received by individuals who are fiscally domiciled in France are subject to a 24 per cent withholding tax, which is deductible from their personal income tax liability in respect of the year in which the payment has been made. Social contributions (CSG, CRDS and other related contributions) are also levied by way of withholding tax at an aggregate rate of 15.5 per cent of interest and similar revenues paid to individuals who are fiscally domiciled in France.

# **Belgium**

The following summary describes the principal Belgian tax considerations with respect to the holding of Notes obtained by an investor in Belgium.

This information is of a general nature and does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all Belgian tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to acquire, to hold or to dispose of the Notes. In some cases, different rules can be applicable. Furthermore, the tax rules can be amended in the future, possibly implemented with retroactive effect, and the interpretation of the tax rules may change.

This summary does not describe the tax consequences for a holder of Notes that are redeemable in exchange for, or convertible into shares, of the exercise, settlement or redemption of such Notes.

Each prospective holder of Notes should consult a professional adviser with respect to the tax consequences of an investment in the Notes, taking into account the influence of each regional, local or national law.

#### Individuals resident in Belgium

Individuals who are Belgian residents for tax purposes, i.e. individuals subject to the Belgian individual income tax ("Personenbelasting"/"Impôt des personnes physiques") and who hold the Notes as a private investment, are subject to the following tax treatment in Belgium with respect to the Notes. Other tax rules apply to Belgian resident individuals holding the Notes not as a private investment but in the framework of their professional activity or when the transactions with respect to the Notes fall outside the scope of the normal management of their own private estate.

Under Belgian tax law, "interest" income includes: (i) periodic interest income, (ii) any amount paid by the Issuer in excess of the issue price (whether or not on the maturity date), and (iii) if the Notes qualify as "fixed income securities" (in the meaning of article 2, §1, 8° Belgian Income Tax Code), in the case of a realisation of the Notes between two interest payment dates, the interest accrued during the detention period. In general, notes are qualified as fixed income security if there is a causal link between the amount of interest income and the detention period of the notes, on the basis of which it is possible to calculate the amount of pro rata interest income at the moment of the sale of the notes during their lifetime.

Payments of interest on the Notes made through a financial intermediary established in Belgium will in principle be subject to a 25 per cent. withholding tax in Belgium (calculated on the interest received after deduction of any non-Belgian withholding taxes). Belgian resident individuals do not have to declare the interest in their personal income tax return, provided withholding tax has been levied on these interest payments. They may nevertheless elect to declare interest in respect of the Notes in their personal income tax return.

If the interest is paid outside Belgium without the intervention of a financial intermediary established in Belgium, the interest received (after deduction of any non-Belgian withholding tax) must be declared in the personal income tax return.

Interest income which is declared in the annual personal income tax return will in principle be taxed at the lower of a flat rate of 25 per cent. or the progressive personal tax rate taking into account the taxpayer's other declared income. If the interest payment is declared, any withholding tax levied in Belgium may be credited and any excess may be refunded.

Capital gains realised upon disposal of the Notes are in principle tax exempt, unless the capital gains are realised outside the scope of the management of one's private estate or unless the capital gains qualify as interest (as defined above). Capital losses are in principle not tax deductible.

# **Belgian resident corporations**

Corporations that are Belgian residents for tax purposes, i.e., corporations subject to Belgian Corporate Income Tax ("Vennootschapsbelasting"/"Impôt des sociétés") are subject to the following tax treatment in Belgium with respect to the Notes.

Interest derived by Belgian corporate investors on the Notes and capital gains realised on the Notes will be subject to Belgian corporate income tax at the ordinary rate of 33.99 per cent. Capital losses on the Notes are in principle tax deductible.

Payments of interest (as defined in the section "Individuals resident in Belgium") on the Notes made through a financial intermediary established in Belgium will in principle be subject to a 25 per cent. withholding tax in Belgium (calculated on the interest received after deduction of any non-Belgian withholding taxes). However, the interest may be exempt from withholding tax under certain conditions and provided a special certificate is delivered. The Belgian withholding tax that has been levied is creditable and refundable in accordance with the applicable legal provisions.

# Other Belgian legal entities

Legal entities that are Belgian residents for tax purposes, i.e. that are subject to Belgian tax on legal entities ("Rechtspersonenbelasting"/"Impôt des personnes morales") are subject to the following tax treatment in Belgium with respect to the Notes.

Payments of interest (as defined in the section "Individuals resident in Belgium") on the Notes made through a financial intermediary established in Belgium will in principle be subject to a 25 per cent. withholding tax in Belgium and no further tax on legal entities will be due on the interest.

However, if the interest is paid without the intervention of a financial intermediary established in Belgium, the legal entity itself is liable for the payment of the Belgian 25 per cent. withholding tax.

Capital gains realised on the sale of the Notes are in principle tax exempt, unless the capital gain qualifies as interest (as defined in the section "Individuals resident in Belgium"). Capital losses on the Notes are in principle not tax deductible.

### **Organisation for Financing Pensions**

Belgian pension fund entities that have the form of an Organisation for Financing Pensions ("**OFP**") are subject to Belgian Corporate Income Tax ("Vennootschapsbelasting"/"Impôt des sociétés"). OFPs are subject to the following tax treatment in Belgium with respect to the Notes.

Interest derived on the Notes by OFPs and capital gains realised on the Notes will not be subject to Belgian Corporate Income Tax. Any Belgian withholding tax that has been levied is creditable and refundable in accordance with the applicable legal provisions.

# **Belgian non-residents**

The interest income on the Notes paid to a Belgian non-resident without the intervention of a financial intermediary established in Belgium, is not subject to Belgian withholding tax.

Interest income on the Notes paid through a financial intermediary established in Belgium will in principle be subject to a 25 per cent. Belgian withholding tax, unless the Noteholder benefits from an exemption or reduction from withholding tax under a tax treaty.

Non-resident Noteholders that have not allocated the Notes to business activities in Belgium can also obtain an exemption of Belgian withholding tax on interest from the Notes if they are the owners or usufructors of the Notes and they deliver an affidavit confirming that they have not allocated the Notes to business activities in Belgium and that they are non-residents, provided that (i) the interest is paid through certain regulated financial intermediaries established in Belgium (credit institution, stockbroker or clearing or settlement institution) and that (ii) the Notes are not used by the Issuer for carrying on a business in Belgium.

Non-resident Noteholders using the Notes to exercise a professional activity in Belgium through a permanent establishment are subject to the same tax rules as the Belgian resident corporations (see above). Non-resident Noteholders who do not allocate the Notes to a professional activity in Belgium are not subject to Belgian income tax, save, as the case may be, in the form of withholding tax.

# Tax on stock exchange transactions

A stock exchange tax ("Taxe sur les opérations de bourse", "Taks op de beursverrichtingen") will be levied on the purchase and sale in Belgium of the Notes on a secondary market through a professional intermediary. The rate applicable for secondary sales and purchases in Belgium through a professional intermediary is 0.09 per cent. with a maximum amount of EUR 650 per transaction and per party. The tax is due separately from each party to any such transaction, i.e., the seller (transferor) and the purchaser (transferee), both collected by the professional intermediary.

However, the tax will not be payable by exempt persons acting for their own account, including investors who are Belgian non-residents provided they deliver an affidavit to the financial intermediary in Belgian confirming their non-resident status and certain Belgian institutional investors, as defined in Article 126/1, 2° of the Code of various duties and taxes ("Code des droits et taxes divers", "Wetboek diverse rechten en taksen").

#### **EU Savings Directive**

The Savings Directive has been implemented in Belgium by the law of 17 May 2004. The Savings Directive entered into force on 1 July 2005.

Individuals not resident in Belgium

Interest paid or collected through Belgium on the Notes and falling under the scope of application of the Savings Directive has been subject to the Disclosure of Information Method as from 1 January 2010.

Individuals resident in Belgium

Individuals resident in Belgium will be subject to the provisions of the Savings Directive, if they receive interest payments from a paying agent (within the meaning of the Savings Directive) established in another EU Member State, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, the Curaçao, Bonaire, Saba, Sint-Maarten and Sint-Eustatius (former the Netherlands Antilles), Aruba, Guernsey, Jersey, the Isle of Man, Montserrat, the British Virgin Islands, Anguilla, the Cayman Islands or the Turks and Caicos Islands.

If the interest received by an individual resident in Belgium has been subject to a withholding pursuant to the Savings Directive ("Source Tax"), such Source Tax does not liberate the Belgian individual from declaring the interest income in the personal income tax declaration. The Source Tax will be credited against the personal income tax. If the Source Tax withheld exceeds the personal income tax due, the excessive amount will be refunded, provided it reaches a minimum of  $\epsilon$ 2.5.

# Federal Republic of Germany

The following summary does not consider all aspects of income taxation in the Federal Republic of Germany ("Germany") that may be relevant to a holder of the Notes in the light of the holder's particular circumstances and income tax situation. The summary applies to investors holding the Notes as private investment assets (except where explicitly stated otherwise) and is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice. This discussion is based on German tax laws and regulations, all as currently in effect (except where explicitly stated otherwise) and all subject to change at any time, possibly with retroactive effect. In particular, the discussion herein is limited to Notes that are issued and acquired after 31 December 2008. The tax treatment of Notes that were issued and acquired prior to 1 January 2009 may, subject to certain transition rules in connection with the introduction of the flat tax (Abgeltungsteuer) on investment income, differ significantly from the description in this summary. Prospective holders should consult their own tax advisers as to the particular tax consequences to them of subscribing, purchasing, holding and disposing of the Notes, including the application and effect of state, local, foreign and other tax laws and the possible effects of changes in the tax laws of Germany.

# German resident noteholders

Interest income

If the Notes are held as private assets (*Privatvermögen*) by an individual investor whose residence or habitual abode is in Germany, payments of interest under the Notes are taxed as investment income (*Einkünfte aus Kapitalvermögen*) at a 25 per cent. flat tax (plus a 5.5 per cent. solidarity surcharge thereon and, if applicable to the individual investor, church tax).

The flat tax is generally collected by way of withholding (see succeeding paragraph – "Withholding tax") and the tax withheld shall generally satisfy the individual investor's tax liability with respect to the Notes. If, however, no or insufficient tax was withheld the investor will have to include the income received with respect to the Notes in its income tax return and the flat tax will then be collected by way of tax assessment. The investor may also opt for inclusion of investment income in its income tax return if the aggregated amount of tax withheld on investment income during the year exceeded the investor's aggregated flat tax liability on investment income (e.g., because of an available loss carry forward or a foreign tax credit). If the investor's total income tax liability on all taxable income including the investment income determined by generally applicable graduated income tax rates is lower than 25 per cent. the investor may opt to be taxed at graduated rates with respect to its investment income.

Individual investors are entitled to a tax allowance (*Sparer-Pauschbetrag*) for investment income of Euro 801 per year (Euro 1,602 for married couples filing their tax return jointly). The tax allowance is taken into account for purposes of the withholding tax (see succeeding paragraph – "Withholding tax") if the investor files a withholding tax exemption request (*Freistellungsauftrag*) with the respective bank or financial institution where the securities deposit account to which the Notes are allocated is held. The deduction of related expenses for tax purposes is not possible.

If the Notes are held as business assets (*Betriebsvermögen*) by an individual or corporate investor who is tax resident in Germany (i.e., a corporation with its statutory seat or place of management in Germany), interest income from the Notes is subject to personal income tax at graduated rates or corporate income tax (each plus solidarity surcharge thereon) and trade tax. Where Notes qualify as zero bonds each year the part of the difference between the issue or purchase price and the redemption amount attributable to such year must be taken into account. The trade tax liability depends on the applicable trade tax factor of the relevant municipality where the business is located. In the case of individual investors the trade tax may, however, be partially or fully creditable against the investor's personal income tax liability depending on the applicable trade tax factor and the investor's particular circumstances. The interest income will have to be included in the investor's personal or corporate income tax return. Any German withholding tax (including surcharges) is generally fully creditable against the investor's personal or corporate income tax liability or refundable, as the case may be.

# Withholding tax

If the Notes are kept or administered in a domestic securities deposit account by a German credit or financial services institution (or by a German branch of a foreign credit or financial services institution), or by a German securities trading firm (*Wertpapierhandelsunternehmen*) or a German securities trading bank (*Wertpapierhandelsbank*) (altogether the "**Domestic Paying Agent**") which pays or credits the interest, a 25 per cent. withholding tax, plus a 5.5 per cent. solidarity surcharge thereon, resulting in a total withholding tax charge of 26.375 per cent., is generally levied on the interest payments. The applicable withholding rate is in excess of the aforementioned rate if church tax is collected for the individual investor.

#### Capital gains from disposal or redemption of the Notes

Subject to the tax allowance for investment income described under Interest income above capital gains from the sale or redemption of the Notes held as private assets, including interest having accrued up to the disposition of the Notes and credited separately (*Stückzinsen*), are taxed at the 25 per cent. flat tax (plus a 5.5 per cent. solidarity surcharge thereon and, if applicable to the individual investor, church tax). The capital gain is generally determined as the difference between the proceeds from the sale or redemption of the Notes and the acquisition costs.

Expenses directly related to the sale or redemption are taken into account. Otherwise, the deduction of related expenses for tax purposes is not possible.

Where the Notes are denominated in a currency other than Euro, the acquisition costs and the proceeds from the sale or redemption are computed in Euro, each at the time of the acquisition, sale or redemption, respectively.

Capital losses from the Notes held as private assets are tax-recognised irrespective of the holding period of the Notes. The losses may, however, not be used to offset other income like employment or business income but may only be offset against investment income subject to certain limitations. Losses not utilised in one year may be carried forward into subsequent years but may not be carried back into preceding years. In case the terms and conditions of certain types of Notes, provide for a risk that no re-payment of principal is made upon maturity or redemption date, it can not be excluded that capital losses will not be recognised by the German tax authorities. Further, the German Federal Ministry of Finance in its decree dated 9 October 2012 (IV C 1 – S 2252/10/10013) has taken the controversial position that a bad debt loss (*Forderungsausfall*) and a waiver of a receivable (*Forderungsverzicht*) shall, in general, not be treated as a sale, so that losses suffered upon such bad debt loss or waiver shall not be deductible for tax purposes. Furthermore, according to the decree dated 9 October 2012 the German Federal Ministry of Finance holds the view that a disposal (*Veräußerung*) (and, as a consequence, a tax loss resulting from such disposal) shall not be recognized if the sales price does not exceed the actual transaction cost.

The flat tax is generally collected by way of withholding (see succeeding paragraph – "Withholding tax") and the tax withheld shall generally satisfy the individual investor's tax liability with respect to the Notes. With respect to the return filing investors are referred to the description under "Interest income" above.

If the Notes are held as business assets by an individual or corporate investor that is tax resident in Germany, capital gains from the Notes are subject to personal income tax at graduated rates or corporate income tax (plus solidarity surcharge thereon) and trade tax. The trade tax liability depends on the applicable trade tax factor of the relevant municipality where the business is located. In the case of an individual investor the trade tax may, however, be partially or fully creditable against the investor's personal income tax liability depending on the applicable trade tax factor and the investor's particular circumstances. The capital gains or losses will have to be included in the investor's personal or corporate income tax return. It cannot be excluded that certain Notes may be classified as forward transaction (*Termingeschäft*) for tax purposes. In this case the losses from the Notes could only be offset against gains from other forward trans-actions (ring-fencing of losses). Any German withholding tax (including surcharges) is generally fully creditable against the investor's personal or corporate income tax liability or refundable, as the case may be.

# Withholding tax

If the Notes are kept or administered by a Domestic Paying Agent from the time of their acquisition, a 25 per cent. withholding tax, plus a 5.5 per cent. solidarity surcharge thereon, is levied on the capital gains, resulting in a total withholding tax charge of 26.375 per cent. If the Notes were sold or redeemed after being transferred to another securities deposit account, the 25 per cent. withholding tax (plus solidarity surcharge thereon) would be levied on 30 per cent. of the proceeds from the sale or the redemption, as the case may be, unless the investor or the previous account bank was able and allowed to provide evidence for the investor's actual acquisition costs to the new Domestic Paying Agent. If the previous account bank from which the Notes were transferred was a Domestic Paying Agent it would be required to remit the acquisition costs to a new Domestic Paying Agent. The applicable withholding rate is in excess of the aforementioned rate if church tax is collected for the individual investor.

In addition, subject to certain requirements and restrictions the Domestic Paying Agent may credit foreign withholding taxes levied on investment income in a given year regarding securities held by the investor in the deposit account with the Domestic Paying Agent.

No withholding tax is generally required on capital gains derived by German resident corporate noteholders and upon application by individual noteholders holding the Notes as business assets.

#### Non-German resident noteholders

Income derived from the Notes by holders who are not tax resident in Germany is in general exempt from German income taxation, and no withholding tax shall be withheld, unless (i) the Notes are held as business assets of a German permanent establishment of the investor or by a permanent German representative of the investor or (ii) the Notes are presented for payment or credit at the offices of a German credit or financial services institution including a German branch of a foreign credit or financial services institution (over-the-counter transaction).

If the income derived from the Notes is subject to German taxation according to (i) or (ii) above, the income is subject to withholding tax similar to that described above under the paragraphs "Withholding tax". Under certain circumstances, foreign investors may benefit from tax reductions or tax exemptions under applicable double tax treaties (*Doppelbesteuerungsabkommen*) entered into with Germany.

# Inheritance tax/gift tax

The transfer of Notes to another person by way of gift or inheritance is subject to German gift or inheritance tax, respectively, if

- (i) the testator, the donor, the heir, the donee or any other acquirer had his residence, habitual abode or, in the case of a corporation, association (*Personenvereinigung*) or estate (*Vermögensmasse*), had its seat or place of management in Germany at the time of the transfer of property,
- (ii) except as provided under (i), the testator's or donor's Notes belong to a business asset attributable to a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in Germany.

Special regulations apply to certain German expatriates.

Investors are urged to consult with their tax advisor to determine the particular inheritance or gift tax consequences in light of their particular circumstances.

#### Other taxes

The purchase, sale or other disposal of Notes does not give rise to capital transfer tax, value added tax, stamp duties or similar taxes or charges in Germany. However, under certain circumstances entrepreneurs may choose liability to value added tax with regard to the sales of Notes which would otherwise be tax exempt. Net wealth tax (*Vermögensteuer*) is, at present, not levied in Germany. It is intended to introduce a financial transaction tax, but not before 2014. Once such tax is introduced, it will most likely apply also to transfers of Notes.

# **Savings Directive**

Germany has implemented the Savings Directive (for further details see above "European Union") into national legislation by means of an Interest Information Regulation (*Zinsinformationsverordnung*, *ZIV*) in 2004. Starting on 1 July 2005, Germany has therefore begun to communicate all payments of interest on the Notes and similar income with respect to the Notes to the beneficial owner's Member State of residence if the Notes have been kept in a custodial account with a Domestic Paying Agent.

#### Luxembourg

The following is a general description of certain Luxembourg tax considerations relating to the holding, disposal or redemption of the Notes. It does not purport to be a complete analysis of all tax considerations relating to the Notes, whether in Luxembourg or elsewhere. Prospective purchasers of the Notes who are in any doubt as to their tax position should consult their own tax adviser with respect to the acquiring, holding and

disposing of the Notes as well as receiving payments of interest, principal and/or other amounts under the Notes and the consequences of such actions under the tax laws of Luxembourg. This summary is based on laws, regulations, practice and decisions in effect in Luxembourg at the date of this Base Prospectus, which may change in each case. Any changes could apply retroactively and could affect the continued validity of this summary. The information contained within this section is limited to taxation issues, and prospective investors should not apply any information set out below to other areas, including (but not limited to) the legality of transactions involving the Notes.

Please be aware that the residence concept used under the respective headings below applies for Luxembourg income tax assessment purposes only. Any reference in the present section to a tax, duty, levy impost or other charge or withholding of a similar nature refers to Luxembourg tax law and/or concepts only. Also, please note that a reference to Luxembourg income tax encompasses corporate income tax (impôt sur le revenu des collectivités), municipal business tax (impôt commercial communal), a solidarity surcharge (contribution au fonds pour l'emploi), as well as personal income tax (impôt sur le revenu) generally. Corporate taxpayers may further be subject to net wealth tax (impôt sur la fortune) as well as other duties, levies or taxes. Corporate income tax, municipal business tax as well as the solidarity surcharge invariably apply to most corporate taxpayers resident of Luxembourg for tax purposes. Individual taxpayers are generally subject to personal income tax and the solidarity surcharge. Under certain circumstances, where an individual taxpayer acts in the course of the management of a professional or business undertaking, municipal business tax may apply as well.

# Withholding tax and Self-Applied Tax

Under Luxembourg tax law currently in effect and with the possible exception of interest paid to individual Noteholders or so-called residual entities by a Luxembourg paying agent as below defined, there is no Luxembourg withholding tax on payments of interest (including accrued but unpaid interest). There is also no Luxembourg withholding tax, with the possible exception of payments made to individual Noteholders or so-called residual entities, upon repayment of principal in the case of reimbursement, redemption, repurchase or exchange of the Notes.

# Luxembourg Non-Resident Individuals

Under the Luxembourg laws dated 21 June 2005 implementing the Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income (the "Savings Directive") and several agreements concluded between Luxembourg and certain dependent or associated territories of the European Union ("EU"), a Luxembourg based paying agent (within the meaning of the Savings Directive) is required since 1 July 2005 to withhold tax on interest and other similar income paid by it to (or under certain circumstances, to the benefit of) an individual resident in another Member State or in certain EU dependent or associated territories, unless the beneficiary of the interest payments elects for the procedure of exchange of information or for the tax certificate procedure. The same treatment will apply to payments of interest and other similar income made to certain "residual entities" within the meaning of Article 4.2 of the Savings Directive established in a Member State or in certain EU dependent or associated territories (i.e., entities which are not legal persons (the Finnish and Swedish companies listed in Article 4.5 of the Savings Directive are not considered as legal persons for this purpose), whose profits are not taxed under the general arrangements for the business taxation, which are not and have not opted to be treated as UCITS recognised in accordance with the Council Directive 85/61 1/EEC, as replaced by the Council Directive 2009/65/EC, or similar collective investment funds located in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Montserrat or the British Virgin Islands.

The current withholding tax rate is 35 per cent. It has been publicly announced that, as from January 1, 2015, the withholding tax will be replaced by the exchange of information.

# Luxembourg Resident Individuals

In accordance with the law of 23 December 2005, as amended by the law of 17 July 2008, on the introduction of a withholding tax on certain interest payments on savings income, interest payments made by Luxembourg paying agents (defined in the same way as in the Savings Directive) to Luxembourg individual residents or to certain residual entities that secure interest payments on behalf of such individuals (unless such entities have opted either to be treated as UCITS recognised in accordance with the Council Directive 85/611/EEC, as replaced by the Council Directive 2009/65/EC, or for the exchange of information regime) are subject to a 10 per cent. withholding tax (the "Withholding Tax").

Pursuant to the Luxembourg law of 23 December 2005 as amended by the law of 17 July 2008, Luxembourg resident individuals, acting in the course of their private wealth, can opt to self-declare and pay a 10 per cent. tax on interest payments made after 31 December 2007 by paying agents (defined in the same way as in the Savings Directive) located in an EU Member State other than Luxembourg, a Member State of the European Economic Area other than an EU Member State or in a State or territory which has concluded an international agreement directly related to the Savings Directive (the "Self-Applied Tax").

#### Taxation of the holders of Notes

Holders of Notes who are residents of Luxembourg will not be liable for any Luxembourg income tax on repayment of principal.

#### Luxembourg Resident Individuals

A Luxembourg resident individual holder of Notes, acting in the course of the management of his/her private wealth, is not subject to taxation on capital gains upon the sale, disposal or redemption, in any form whatsoever, of the Notes, provided (i) this sale or disposal took place at least six months after the acquisition of the Notes and (ii) the Notes do not constitute zero coupon notes.

A gain realized by a Luxembourg resident individual who acts in the course of the management of his/her private wealth upon the sale of zero coupon notes before their maturity must be included in his/her taxable income for Luxembourg income tax assessment purposes.

Upon the sale, redemption or exchange of the Notes, accrued but unpaid interest will be subject to the Self-Applied Tax (if the Luxembourg resident individual has opted for such Self-Applied Tax) or Withholding Tax. The Self-Applied Tax or the Withholding Tax represents the final tax liability on interest received for a Luxembourg resident individual receiving the interest payment in the course of the management of his/her private wealth.

A Luxembourg resident individual holder of Notes acting in the course of the management of a professional or business undertaking, must include any interest accrued or received, any redemption premium or issue discount, as well as any gains realized on the sale or disposal, in any form whatsoever, on the Notes, in his/her taxable income for Luxembourg tax assessment purposes. If applicable, the Self-Applied Tax or Withholding Tax levied will be credited against his/her final income tax liability.

# Luxembourg Resident Companies

Luxembourg resident companies (société de capitaux) holders of Notes or foreign entities of the same type which have a permanent establishment, a permanent representative in Luxembourg with which the holding of the Notes is connected, must include in their taxable income any interest (including accrued but unpaid interest), any redemption premium or issue discount, as well as any gains realized on the sale or disposal, in any form whatsoever, on the Notes.

Luxembourg resident companies benefiting from a special tax regime

Luxembourg resident corporate Noteholders which are companies benefiting from a special tax regime (such as family estate management companies subject to the law of 11 May 2007, as amended, undertakings for collective investment subject to the law of 17 December 2010, as amended, or specialized investment funds subject to the law of 13 February 2007, as amended) are tax exempt entities in Luxembourg, and are thus not subject to any Luxembourg tax (*i.e.*, corporate income tax, municipal business tax and net wealth tax) other than the annual subscription tax calculated on their (paid up) share capital (and share premium) or net asset value.

#### **Net Wealth Tax**

Luxembourg net wealth tax will not be levied on a corporate Noteholder, unless (a) such Noteholder is a Luxembourg resident other than a Noteholder governed by (i) the law of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment, as amended; (ii) the law of 13 February 2007 on specialized investment funds, as amended; (iii) the law of 22 March 2004 on securitisation, as amended; (iv) the law of 15 June 2004 on investment companies in risk capital, as amended; or (v) the law of 11 May 2007 on family estate management companies, as amended, or (b) the Notes are attributable to an enterprise or part thereof which is carried on in Luxembourg through a permanent establishment or a permanent representative.

# **Other Taxes**

There is no Luxembourg registration tax, stamp duty or any other similar tax or duty payable in Luxembourg by holders of Notes as a consequence of the issuance of the Notes, nor will any of these taxes be payable as a consequence of a subsequent transfer, repurchase or redemption of the Notes, unless the documents relating to the Notes are voluntarily registered in Luxembourg. Proceedings in a Luxembourg court or the presentation of documents relating to the Notes, other than the Notes themselves, to an "autorité constituée" may require registration of the documents, in which case the documents will be subject to registration duties depending on the nature of the documents.

There is no Luxembourg value added tax payable in respect of payments in consideration for the issuance of the Notes or in respect of the payment of interest or principal under the Notes or the transfer of the Notes.

Noteholders permanently resident in Luxembourg at the time of death will be subject to inheritance or other similar taxes in Luxembourg in respect of the Notes. No Luxembourg gift tax is levied upon a gift or donation of the Notes, if the gift is not passed before a Luxembourg notary or recorded in a deed registered in Luxembourg.

#### **United Kingdom**

The comments below apply only to persons who are beneficial owners of the Notes and are of a general nature based on current United Kingdom law as applied in England and Wales and published HM Revenue & Customs practice (which may not be binding on HM Revenue & Customs) and are not intended to be exhaustive. Some aspects do not apply to certain classes of persons (such as dealers) to whom special rules may apply. They assume that the Issuer is not resident in the United Kingdom and that the Issuer does not act through a permanent establishment in the United Kingdom in relation to the Notes. The United Kingdom tax treatment of prospective Noteholders depends on their individual circumstances and may be subject to changes in the future. Any Noteholders who are in doubt as to their own tax position should consult their professional advisers.

# **Interest on the Notes**

On the basis that interest on the Notes is not expected to have a United Kingdom source, there should be no United Kingdom withholding tax.

Persons in the United Kingdom (i) paying interest to or receiving interest on behalf of another person who is an individual, or (ii) paying amounts due on redemption of any Notes which constitute deeply discounted securities as defined in Chapter 8 of Part 4 of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005 to or receiving such amounts on behalf of another person who is an individual, may be required to provide certain information to HM Revenue & Customs regarding the identity of the payee or person entitled to the interest and, in certain circumstances, such information may be exchanged with tax authorities in other countries. However, in relation to amounts payable on the redemption of such Notes, HM Revenue & Customs published practice indicates that HM Revenue & Customs will not exercise its power to obtain information where such amounts are paid or received on or before 5 April 2014. Note, however, that if the reporting obligations in the Savings Directive apply to such a payment then information on the amounts payable on redemption of such Notes will have to be provided to HM Revenue & Customs.

#### The Netherlands

The following summary describes the general Dutch tax considerations with respect to the holding of Notes obtained by an investor resident of the Netherlands. This section is intended as general information only and it does not purport to describe all possible Dutch tax considerations or consequences that may be relevant to a holder.

This summary does not describe the tax consequences for a holder of Notes that are redeemable in exchange for, or convertible into shares, of the exercise, settlement or redemption of such Notes.

For Dutch tax purposes, a holder of Notes may include an individual or an entity who does not have the legal title to the Notes, but to whom the Notes are attributed based either on such individual or entity holding a beneficial interest in the Notes or based on specific statutory provisions, including statutory provisions pursuant to which the Notes are attributed to an individual who is, or who has directly or indirectly inherited the Notes from a person who was, the settlor, grantor or similar originator of a trust, foundation or similar entity that holds the Notes.

This section does not describe the possible Dutch tax consequences that may be relevant to the holder of the Notes who receives or has received any benefits from these notes as employment income, deemed employment income or otherwise as compensation.

Each prospective holder of Notes should consult a professional adviser with respect to the tax consequences of an investment in the Notes, taking into account the influence of each regional, local or national law.

Where in this paragraph English terms and expressions are used to refer to Dutch concepts, the meaning to be attributed to such terms and expressions shall be the meaning to be attributed to the equivalent Dutch concepts under Dutch tax law.

This paragraph is based on the tax law of the Netherlands (unpublished case law not included) as it stands on the date of this Prospectus. The law upon which this paragraph is based is subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. Any such change may invalidate the contents of this paragraph, which will not be updated to reflect such change. This paragraph assumes that the place of effective management of the Issuer and, if applicable, the Substituted Issuer(s) is not situated in the Netherlands and that the Issuer and, if applicable, the Substituted Issuer(s), are not otherwise a resident of the Netherlands for Dutch corporate income tax (vennootschapsbelasting) and dividend withholding tax (dividendbelasting) purposes.

For the purposes of this section a "Dutch Individual" is an individual that is resident, or deemed to be resident, of the Netherlands for Dutch income tax (inkomstenbelasting) purposes, or has elected to be treated as a resident of the Netherlands for Dutch income tax purposes.

For the purposes of this section a "Dutch Corporate Entity" is (i) a corporate entity (*lichaam*) that is subject to Dutch corporate income tax (vennootschapsbelasting) (ii) that is resident, or deemed to be resident, in the

Netherlands for Dutch corporate income tax purposes (iii) that is not an entity that, although in principle subject to Dutch corporate income tax, is, in whole or in part, specifically exempt from that tax and (iv) that is not an investment institution (*beleggingsinstelling*) as defined in the Dutch Corporate Income Tax Act 1969 (*Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969*). Dutch Individuals

Dutch Individuals that derive or are deemed to derive any benefits from the Notes, including any capital gain realized on the disposal or redemption thereof, that are attributable to an enterprise (*winst uit onderneming*) from which the individual derives profits, whether as an entrepreneur (*ondernemer*) or pursuant to a coentitlement to the net value of an enterprise, other than as a shareholder, are generally subject to Dutch income tax (*inkomstenbelasting*) at progressive rates with a maximum of 52% for those benefits.

Dutch Individuals that derive or are deemed to derive any benefits from the Notes, including any capital gain realized on the disposal or redemption thereof, that constitute benefits from miscellaneous activities (resultaat uit overige werkzaamheden), are generally subject to Dutch income tax at progressive rates for those benefits. Dutch Individuals may, inter alia, derive benefits from the Notes that are taxable as benefits from miscellaneous activities, if the individual's investment activities go beyond the activities of an active portfolio investor, for instance in the case of the use of insider knowledge (voorkennis) or comparable forms of special knowledge or if the Dutch resident individuals owns an interest of at least 5% of the shares of the Issuer of the Notes.

Benefits from the Notes derived by Dutch Individuals holding the Notes as a private investment, i.e. not attributable to an enterprise or benefits from miscellaneous activities, are taxed as a benefit from savings and investments (voordeel uit sparen en beleggen). Such benefit is deemed to be 4 per cent per annum of the "yield basis" (rendementsgrondslag) at the beginning of the year, insofar as that yield basis exceeds the "exempt amount" (heffingvrij vermogen). The benefit is taxed at the rate of 30 per cent, resulting in an effective tax of 1.2% of the yield basis. The fair market value of the Notes forms part of the yield basis. Actual benefits derived from the Notes, including any capital gain realized on the disposal or redemption thereof, are not as such subject to Dutch income tax.

# **Dutch Corporate Entities**

Any benefits derived or deemed to be derived by Dutch Corporate Entities from the Notes, including any capital gain realized on the disposal or redemption thereof, are generally subject to Dutch corporate income tax (*vennootschapsbelasting*) at a maximum rate of 25% (2013), Capital losses on the Notes are in principle deductible.

#### French withholding tax

With reference to the treaty for the avoidance of double taxation concluded between the Netherlands and France, if and to the extent withholding tax has been withheld on the interest, such withholding tax can generally be credited against the Dutch income tax or corporate income tax due by a Dutch Individual or a Dutch Corporate Entity as the case may be.

# **Dutch Gift and Inheritance Taxes**

No Dutch gift tax or inheritance tax is due in respect of any gift of Notes by, or inheritance of the Notes on the death of a holder, except if:

- (i) at the time of the gift or death of the holder, the holder is a resident, or is deemed to be a resident, of The Netherlands;
- (ii) the holder dies within 180 calendar days after the date of the gift of the notes and is not, or not deemed to be, at the time of the gift, but is, or deemed to be, at the time of his death, a resident of The Netherlands; or

(iii) the gift of the notes is made under a condition precedent and the holder is a resident, or is deemed to be a resident, of The Netherlands at the time the condition is fulfilled.

#### Other taxes and duties

No other Dutch taxes, including turnover tax and taxes of a documentary nature, such as capital tax, stamp or registration tax or duty, are payable in The Netherlands by or on behalf of a holder of the Notes by reason only of the purchase, ownership and disposal of the Notes.

# Italy

The statements herein regarding taxation are based on the laws and/or practice in force as at the date of this Base Prospectus and are subject to any changes in law and/or practice occurring after such date, which changes could be made on a retroactive basis. This summary will not be updated to reflect changes in law and/or practice and, if any such change occurs, the information in this summary could be superseded. The following summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations which may be relevant to a decision to subscribe for, purchase, own or dispose of the Notes and does not purport to deal with the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which (such as dealers in securities or commodities) may be subject to special rules. **Prospective purchasers of the Notes are advised to consult their own tax advisers concerning the overall tax consequences of their ownership of the Notes.** 

#### Interest Income

# Tax treatment of the Notes qualifying as bonds or securities similar to bonds

Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996, as subsequently amended ("**Decree 239**"), provides for the tax treatment applicable to interest, premium and other income (including the difference between the redemption amount and the issue price; such interest, premium and other income collectively referred to as the "Notes Income") arising from notes falling within the category of bonds (*obbligazioni*) or debentures similar to bonds (*titoli similari alle obbligazioni*), including those issued by banks residing outside of Italy, such as the Notes, provided that such securities are deposited with banks, qualified financial intermediaries (*SIMs*), fiduciary companies, asset management companies (*SGRs*), stockbrokers or the other entities identified with a decree of the Ministry of Finance (each an "Intermediary"). An Intermediary must (i) be resident in Italy, or be the Italian permanent establishment of a non-Italian resident financial intermediary, and (ii) intervene, in any way, in the collection of interest accrued on, or in the transfer of, the Notes. For the purpose of the application of Decree 239, a transfer of the Notes includes any assignment or transfer, made either with or without consideration, which results in a change of the ownership of the relevant Notes or in a change of the Intermediary with which the Notes are deposited.

#### Italian resident Noteholders

Pursuant to Decree 239, a withholding tax, referred to as "imposta sostitutiva", currently levied at a rate of 20 per cent. on Notes Income accrued as of 1 January 2012, applies on Notes income cashed or deemed to be cashed upon disposal for a consideration of the Notes by (i) an Italian individual not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected (unless the individual has opted to entrust the management of his financial assets, including the Notes, with an Italian authorised financial intermediary and has opted for the *risparmio gestito* regime – see under Capital Gains Tax, *regime del risparmio gestito*), (ii) an Italian non-commercial partnership, (iii) an Italian non-commercial private or public institution, or (iv) an Italian investor exempt from Italian corporate income tax.

In case the Noteholders falling under (i) to (iii), above are engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected, the Notes Income is currently included in their overall year-end taxable income on an accrual basis and taxed at progressive rates of personal income tax (IRPEF) with respect to individuals doing business either directly or through a partnership (currently, the marginal rate equals 43 per cent. and additional

surcharges of up to 3.13 per cent. for years 2011 and 2012) also apply depending on the Holders' region and municipality of residence; an additional surcharge, the so-called "solidarity tax", currently applies at a 3 per cent. rate on any income exceeding Euro 300,000 for the 2011-2013 tax periods, although the government is already empowered to extend its application to future years, such "solidarity tax" is deductible from taxable income) or corporate income tax (IRES) with respect to private and public institutions, currently levied at a rate of 27.5 per cent. (IRES rate may be increased from 27.5 per cent. up to 38 per cent. depending on the status of the Noteholders).

Where an Italian resident Noteholder is a company or similar commercial entity (or a permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign enterprise, to which the Notes are effectively connected) and the Notes are deposited with an intermediary, the Notes income would not be subject to the *imposta sostitutiva*, but currently included in the Noteholder's overall year-end income as accrued and is therefore subject to IRES. In addition, in certain circumstances, depending on the "status" of the Noteholder (i.e., generally, in the case of banks or financial institutions), the Notes Income is subject to a regional income tax (IRAP), generally levied at a rate which may vary between 3.9 per cent. and 6.9 per cent., depending on the Noteholder's actual "status" and region of residence.

If the Noteholder is an Italian pension fund subject to the regime provided under Legislative Decree No. 252 of 5 December 2005, and the Notes are deposited with an Intermediary, the Notes Income would not be subject to the *imposta sostitutiva* but currently included in the annual net accrued results of such pension fund, which are subject to a substitute tax 11 per cent.

The *imposta sostitutiva* is withheld by the Intermediary intervening in the collection of the Notes Income. The Notes Income received by (i) Italian resident real estate investment funds established pursuant to Article 37 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 25 January 1998, or (ii) pursuant to Law Decree No. 225 of 29 December 2010, an Italian resident open-ended or closed-ended investment fund, or a SICAV, is not subject to any withholding or substitute tax at the level of the fund.

# Holders resident outside of Italy

No Italian tax is applicable to payments of Notes Income made to a non- Italian resident Noteholder that does not have a permanent establishment in Italy through which the Notes are held, provided that such Noteholder makes a statement to that effect, if and when required according to the applicable Italian tax regulations.

# Tax treatment of the Notes qualifying as atypical securities

# Atypical securities

The Notes Income relating to Notes that are not deemed to fall within the category of bonds (*obbligazioni*) or debentures similar to bonds (*titoli similari alle obbligazioni*) and are treated as atypical securities for Italian tax purposes would be subject to a final withholding tax, levied at the rate of 20 per cent. For this purpose, debentures similar to bonds are securities that incorporate an unconditional obligation to pay, at maturity, an amount not lower than their nominal value and do not embed any profit-participating feature. In this respect, the Italian tax authorities have clarified (Italian Revenue Agency Circular No. 4/E of 18 January 2006) that securities having a maturity that is not scheduled at a specific date, such as perpetual bonds, but it is linked to the maturity of the issuing company or to the liquidation thereof, if the company has been set-up with an undetermined maturity pursuant to Article 2328 (2), No. 13, of the Italian Civil Code, shall be characterised as bonds for tax purposes.

The 20 per cent. withholding tax would be levied on a provisional basis in the case of individuals engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the securities are connected and credited against the ordinary personal income tax due on the income relating to such securities. Such withholding tax would not apply with respect to payments made to a non-Italian resident Noteholder that does not have a permanent establishment in Italy

through which the Notes are held, and to an Italian resident Noteholder, which is (i) a company or similar commercial entity (including the Italian permanent establishment of foreign entities), (ii) a commercial partnership, or (iii) a commercial private or public institution. Interest payments made to taxpayers falling under (i) to (iii), above, are currently included in their overall year-end taxable income and subject to their ordinary tax regime.

# Tax treatment of Capital gains

# Capital gains tax

Capital gains realised upon any disposal, sale or redemption of the Notes is currently included in the overall taxable income of an Italian company or a similar commercial entity (including the Italian permanent establishment of foreign entities to which the Notes are connected) or Italian resident individuals engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected. As such, they would be subject to corporate or personal income tax, as the case may be, at the rates illustrated above. In addition, in certain circumstances, depending on the "status" of the Noteholder, they may also be subject to *IRAP*.

Capital gains arising from the disposal, sale or redemption of the Notes realised by an Italian resident Noteholder who is an individual not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected, are subject to a capital gains tax (*imposta sostitutiva*), currently levied at the rate of 20per cent., pursuant to one of the following regimes:

- (i) Under the tax return regime (regime della dichiarazione), the capital gains tax is chargeable, on a cumulative basis, on all capital gains net of any incurred capital loss realised by any such taxpayer on the disposal, sale or redemption of the Notes occurring in any given tax year. Such gain, net of any relevant incurred capital loss, must be reported in the year-end tax return and the tax must be paid on the capital gain together with any income tax due for the relevant tax year. Capital losses in excess of capital gains may be carried forward against capital gains realised in any of the four succeeding tax years. This regime automatically applies if the Noteholders do not expressly opt for one of the following regimes; or
- (ii) Under the non-discretionary portfolio regime (regime del risparmio amministrato), such taxpayer may elect to pay the tax separately on capital gains realised on each sale or redemption of the Notes. This separate taxation of capital gains is allowed subject to (x) the Notes being deposited with an authorised Intermediary and (y) the taxpayer making a timely election in writing for the regime del risparmio amministrato, addressed to any such Intermediary. The Intermediary is then responsible for accounting for the tax in respect of capital gains realised on each disposal, sale or redemption of the Notes (as well as in respect of capital gains realised upon the revocation of its mandate), net of any incurred capital loss, withholding and remitting to the Treasury the tax due. Losses may be deducted from capital gains subsequently realised within the same securities portfolio in the same tax period. Losses in excess can be carried forward in the following years up to the fourth. Under the regime del risparmio amministrato, the Noteholder is not required to report the capital gains in his annual tax return;
- (iii) Under the discretionary portfolio regime (*regime del risparmio gestito*), eligible when the Notes are included in a portfolio discretionarily managed by an authorised intermediary, the 20 per cent. tax is paid on the appreciation of the investment portfolio accrued as of 1 January 2012 (including the gains realised on the disposal, sale or redemption of the Notes). The tax is paid by the authorised Intermediary. Any depreciation of the investment portfolio accrued at year-end may be carried forward and netted against the appreciation accrued in any of the four succeeding tax years. Under such regime, the Noteholder is not required to report the gains realised in his year-end tax return.

Capital gains realised by Italian-resident pension funds, certain Italian investment funds and real estate funds from the disposal, sale or redemption of the Notes are subject to the same tax regime described above under section "Interest Income."

Capital gains realised by non-Italian resident Noteholders from the sale or redemption of the Notes are not subject to Italian taxation, provided that the Notes (i) are held outside Italy or (ii) are traded on a regulated market.

# Italian inheritance and gift tax

Pursuant to Law Decree No. 262 of 3 October 2006, as converted in law, with amendments, pursuant to Law No. 286 of 24 November 2006, a transfer of the Notes by reason of death or gift is subject to an inheritance and gift tax levied on the value of the inheritance or gift, as follows:

- Transfers to a spouse or direct descendants or ancestors up to Euro 1,000,000 to each beneficiary are exempt from inheritance and gift tax. Transfers in excess of such threshold will be taxed at a 4 per cent. rate on the value of the Notes exceeding such threshold;
- Transfers between relatives up to the fourth degree other than siblings, and direct or indirect relatives by affinity up to the third degree are taxed at a rate of 6 per cent. on the value of the Notes (where transfers between siblings up to a maximum value of Euro 100,000 for each beneficiary are exempt from inheritance and gift tax); and
- Transfers by reason of gift or death of Notes to persons other than those described above will be taxed at a rate of 8 per cent. on the value of the Notes.

If the beneficiary of any such transfer is a disabled individual, whose handicap is recognised pursuant to Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, the tax is applied only on the value of the assets (including the Notes) received in excess of Euro 1,500,000 at the rates illustrated above, depending on the type of relationship existing between the deceased or donor and the beneficiary.

#### Stamp Duty on the Notes

Pursuant to Article 13(2-ter) of the Tariff attached to Presidential Decree No. 642 of 26 October 1972 (as amended with Law Decree No. 201 of 6 December 2011, converted into law with Law No. 214 of 22 December 2011), regulating the Italian stamp duty, a proportional stamp duty applies on the periodic reporting communications sent by financial intermediaries to their clients (with the exception of pension funds and health funds) with respect to any financial instruments (including bonds, such as the Notes) deposited therewith.

Such stamp duty is generally levied by the relevant financial intermediary, and computed on the fair market value of the financial instruments or, in case the fair market value cannot be determined, on their face or redemption values at the following rates: (i) 0.1 per cent. for 2012, with a cap of Euro 1,200 just for that year, and (ii) 0.15 per cent. as of 2013. The stamp duty is levied on an annual basis and cannot be lower than Euro 34.20. In case of reporting periods of less than 12 months, the stamp duty is pro-rated.

Moreover, pursuant to Article 19(18-23) of Law Decree No. 201 of 6 December 2011, a similar duty applies, as of 2011, on the fair market value determined at the end of each year (or, in case the fair market value cannot be determined, on their face or redemption values) of any financial asset (including bonds such as the Notes) held abroad by Italian resident individuals. Such duty will apply at the following rates: (i) 0.1 per cent. for 2011 and 2012, and (ii) 0.15 per cent. as of 2013. A tax credit is granted for any foreign property tax levied abroad on such financial assets.

Prospective investors are urged to consult their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences of the application of these new duties on their investment in Notes.

#### SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

# **Summary of Dealer Agreement**

Subject to the terms and on the conditions contained in an amended and restated dealer agreement dated 2 October 2014 (the "**Dealer Agreement**") between the Issuer, the Permanent Dealers and the Arranger, the Notes will be offered on a continuous basis to the Permanent Dealers. The Issuer will enter into a supplement to the Dealer Agreement in connection with the issue by it of any Notes. The Issuer has reserved the right to sell Notes directly on its own behalf to Dealers that are not Permanent Dealers. The Notes may be resold at prevailing market prices, or at prices related thereto, at the time of such resale, as determined by the relevant Dealer. The Notes may also be sold by the Issuer through the Dealers, acting as agents of such Issuer. The Dealer Agreement also provides for Notes to be issued in syndicated Tranches that are jointly and severally underwritten by two or more Dealers.

The Issuer will pay each relevant Dealer a commission as agreed between them in respect of Notes subscribed by it. The Issuer has agreed to reimburse the Arranger for certain of its expenses incurred in connection with the establishment of the Programme and the Dealers for certain of their activities in connection with the Programme. The commissions in respect of an issue of Notes on a syndicated basis will be stated in the relevant Final Terms.

The Issuer has agreed to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes. The Dealer Agreement entitles the Dealers to terminate any agreement that they make to subscribe Notes in certain circumstances prior to payment for such Notes being made to the Issuer.

# **Selling Restrictions**

# **United States**

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the U.S., and may not be offered or sold within the United States, or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and in compliance with any applicable state securities laws.

Materialised Bearer Notes are considered bearer notes under U.S. tax law which are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions, or to a United States person except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and Treasury regulations thereunder.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that, except as permitted by the Dealer Agreement, it will not offer, sell or, in the case of Materialised Bearer Notes, deliver, Notes of any Tranche, (i) as part of its distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 calendar days after completion of the distribution of such Tranche as determined, and certified to the Issuer, by the Fiscal Agent, or in the case of Notes issued on a syndicated basis, the Lead Manager, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, and it will have sent to each Dealer to which it sells Notes during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting out the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons substantially to the following effect:

"The Notes covered hereby have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and may not be offered and sold within the United States or to, or for the

account or benefit of, U.S. persons (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 calendar days after the later of the commencement of any Tranche of the Notes and the completion of the distribution of such Tranche as determined, and certified to the Issuer, by the Fiscal Agent, or in the case of Notes issued on a syndicated basis, the Lead Manager, except in either case in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. Terms used above have the meanings given to them by Regulation S."

The Notes are being offered and sold outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in compliance with Regulation S and U.S. tax law.

In addition, until 40 calendar days after the commencement of the offering of any Tranche of Notes, an offer or sale of Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

This Base Prospectus has been prepared by the Issuer for use in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes outside the United States. The Issuer and the Dealers reserve the right to reject any offer to purchase the Notes, in whole or in part, for any reason. This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer to any person in the United States or to any U.S. person. Distribution of this Base Prospectus by any non-U.S. person outside the United States to any other person within the United States, other than those persons, if any, retained to advise such non-U.S. person with respect thereto, is unauthorised and any disclosure without the prior written consent of the Issuer or any of its contents to any such U.S. person or other person within the United States, other than those persons, if any, retained to advise such non-U.S. person, is prohibited.

Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

# **Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive**

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each a "Relevant Member State"), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "Relevant Implementation Date") it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the relevant Final Terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) if the relevant Final Terms in relation to the Notes specify that an offer of those Notes may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State (a "Non-exempt Offer"), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the relevant Final Terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Directive in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such Prospectus or final terms, as applicable and the Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of the Non-exempt Offer;
- (b) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (c) at any time to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the Prospectus Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or

(d) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in paragraphs (b) to (d) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of Notes to the public" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC as amended and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

# **United Kingdom**

Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that:

- (a) (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA") by the Issuer;
- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

#### France

Each of the Dealers has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

(i) Offer to the public in France:

it has only made and will only make an offer of Notes to the public in France in the period beginning on the date of the publication of the prospectus relating to those Notes approved by the AMF, all in accordance with Articles L.412-1 and L.621-8 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and the *Règlement général* of the AMF, and ending at the latest on the date which is 12 months after the date of the approval of the Base Prospectus by the AMF; or

(ii) Private placement in France:

it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, any Notes to the public in France and it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, the Base Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Notes and such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (a) persons providing investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties (personnes fournissant le service d'investissement de gestion de portefeuille

pour compte de tiers), and/or (b) qualified investors (investisseurs qualifiés), as defined in, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 of the French Code monétaire et financier.

# Italy

The offering of the Notes has not been registered with the Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa ("CONSOB") pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or delivered, and will not offer, sell or deliver any Notes or any copy of this Base Prospectus or of any other document relating to the Notes in the Republic of Italy ("Italy"), except:

- (a) to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*), as defined under Article 100 of the Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February, 1998, as amended (the "Italian Financial Act"), as implemented by Article 26, paragraph 1(d) of CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007, as amended ("Regulation No. 16190"), pursuant to Article 34-ter, first paragraph, letter b), of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended ("Regulation No. 11971"); or
- (b) in other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on public offerings pursuant to Article 100 of the Italian Financial Act and its implementing CONSOB regulations including Regulation No. 11971; or
- (c) if the relevant Final Terms in relation to the Notes specify that a Non-exempt Offer may be made in Italy, provided that such prospectus has been approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to CONSOB in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, the Italian Financial Act and Regulation No. 11971.

Any such offer, sale or delivery of the Notes or distribution of copies of the Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Notes in Italy must be in compliance with the selling restriction under (a), (b) and (c) above and:

- (i) made by investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in Italy in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Italian Financial Act, Regulation No. 16190, Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 as amended (the "Banking Act") and any other applicable laws or regulation;
- (ii) in compliance with Article 129 of the Banking Act and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy, as amended, pursuant to which the Bank of Italy may request information on the offering or issue of securities in Italy or by Italian persons outside of Italy; and
- (iii) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations or requirement imposed by CONSOB or the Bank of Italy or any other Italian authority.

Please note that in accordance with Article 100-bis of the Italian Financial Act, where no exemption from the rules on public offerings applies under (a) and (b) above, the Notes which are initially offered and placed in Italy or abroad to qualified investors only but in the following year are regularly ("sistematicamente") distributed on the secondary market in Italy to non-qualified investors become subject to the public offer and the prospectus requirement rules provided under the Italian Financial Act and Regulation No. 11971. Failure to comply with such rules may result in the sale of such Notes being declared null and void and in the liability of the intermediary transferring the Notes for any damages suffered by such non-qualified investors.

# Japan

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended, the "Financial Instruments and Exchange Act"). Accordingly, each of the Dealers has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will not, directly or indirectly, offer or sell any Notes in Japan or to, or for the

benefit of, any resident of Japan as defined under Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Control Law (Law No. 228 of 1949, as amended)), or to others for re-offering or re-sale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and other relevant laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

#### General

These selling restrictions may be modified or supplemented by the agreement of the Issuer and the Dealers. Any such modification or supplement will be set out in a supplement to this Base Prospectus.

No action has been taken in any jurisdiction that would permit an offer to the public of any of the Notes, or possession or distribution of the Base Prospectus or any other offering material or any Final Terms, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.

Each Dealer has agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will comply with all relevant laws, regulations and directives in each jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or has in its possession or distributes the Base Prospectus, any other offering material or any Final Terms and obtain any consent, approval or permission required for the purchase, offer or sale of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it makes such purchase, offer or sale and none of the Issuer or any other Dealer shall have responsibility therefore.

Each of the Dealers and the Issuer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that Materialised Notes may only be issued outside France and the United States.

#### FORM OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms in respect of each Tranche will be substantially in the following form, duly completed to reflect the particular terms of the relevant Notes and their issue.

# FORM OF FINAL TERMS 1 – FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE OF NOTES WITH A DENOMINATION OF LESS THAN &100,000 TO BE ADMITTED TO TRADING ON A REGULATED MARKET AND/OR OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

#### Final Terms dated [•]

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#### **GDF SUEZ**

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes] under the Euro 25,000,000,000

# **Euro Medium Term Note Programme**

Any person making or intending to make an offer of the Notes may only do so[:

- (i) in those Public Offer Jurisdictions mentioned in Paragraph 9(vi) of Part B below, provided such person is [an Authorised Offeror] in that paragraph and that such offer is made during the Offer Period specified for such purpose therein; or
- (ii) otherwise] in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer.

Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in any other circumstances.

The expression "**Prospectus Directive**" means Directive 2003/71/EC as amended, and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State.]

# PART A - CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 2 October 2014 which has received visa no. 14-534 from the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (the "AMF") on 2 October 2014 [and the supplement(s) to it dated [●] which has received visa no. [●] from the AMF on [●]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (the "Base Prospectus"). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus [as supplemented by the supplement]. A summary of the issue of the Notes is annexed to these Final Terms. The Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing on the website of the AMF (www.amf-france.org) and of GDF SUEZ (www.gdfsuez.com) and printed copies may be obtained from GDF SUEZ at 1, place Samuel de Champlain, 92400 Courbevoie, France.

The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under [a Base Prospectus / an Offering Circular] with an earlier date.

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "Conditions") set forth under the section entitled "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" in the Offering Circular dated 17 October 2002] /[Base Prospectus dated [7 October 2008 / 4 November 2009 / 22 November 2010 / 10 May 2011 / 9 September 2011 / 12 September 2012 / 27 September 2013] which is incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus dated 2 October 2014. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 2 October 2014 which has received visa no. 14-534 from the Autorité des marchés financiers (the "AMF") on 2 October 2014 [and the supplement(s) to it dated [•] which has received visa no. [•] from the AMF on [•]], which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (the "Base Prospectus"), save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the [Base Prospectus / an Offering Circular] dated [original date and the supplement(s) to it dated [•]]. Full information on the Issuer, the Notes and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms, the Conditions and the Base Prospectus [as supplemented by the supplement]. A summary of the issue of the Notes is annexed to these Final Terms. The Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing on the website of the AMF (www.amf-france.org) and of GDF SUEZ (www.gdfsuez.com) and printed copies may be obtained from GDF SUEZ at 1, place Samuel de Champlain, 92400 Courbevoie, France.

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable". Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs (in which case the sub-paragraphs of the paragraphs which are not applicable can be deleted). Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.]

1.	Issuer:	GDF SUEZ
2.	(i) Series Number:	[ ]
	[(ii) Tranche Number:	[ ]]
	[(iii) Date on which the Notes become fungible:	[Not Applicable/ The Notes will be assimilated (assimilées) and form a single series with the existing [insert description of the Series] issued by the Issuer on [insert date] (the "Existing Notes") as from the date of assimilation which is expected to be on or about 40 calendar days after the Issue Date (the "Assimilation Date").]]
3.	Specified Currency or Currencies:	[ ]
4.	Aggregate Nominal Amount:	
	[(i)] Series:	[ ]
	[(ii) Tranche:	[ ]]
5.	Issue Price:	[ ] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (in the case of fungible issues only if applicable)]
6.	Specified Denominations:	[ ]
7.	(i) Issue Date:	[ ]
	(ii) Interest Commencement Date:	[Specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
8.	Maturity Date:	[specify date or (for Floating Rate Notes) Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to the relevant month and year]
9.	Interest Basis:	[[ ] per cent. Fixed Rate] [[specify particular reference rate] +/- [ ] per cent. Floating Rate] [Zero Coupon] [Inflation Linked Interest] (further particulars specified below)
10.	Redemption Basis:	Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Notes will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [100] per cent. of their nominal amount.
11.	Change of Interest Basis:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] [Specify the date when any fixed to floating rate change occurs or refer to paragraphs 14 and 15 below and identify there]

12.	Put/Call Options:	[Not Applicable] [Investor Put] [Issuer Call] [Make-whole Redemption by the Issuer] [Issuer Residual Call] [Put Option in case of Change of Control] [(further particulars specified below)]
13.	(i) Status of the Notes:	Unsubordinated
	(ii) [Date of [Board] approval for issuance of Notes obtained:	[ ] [and [ ], respectively]] (N.B. Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Notes)]
PROV	VISIONS RELATING TO INT	TEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE
14.	Fixed Rate Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
	(i) Rate[(s)] of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date
	(ii) Interest Payment Date(s):	[ ] in each year
	(iii) Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]:	[ ] per [ ] in nominal amount
	(iv) Broken Amount(s):	[ ] payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on]
	(v) Day Count Fraction:	[30/360 / Actual/Actual ([ICMA] / [ISDA])]/[include any other option from the Conditions]]
	(vi) [Determination Dates:	[ ] in each year (insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon. N.B. only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))]
15.	Floating Rate Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
	(i) Interest Period(s):	[ ]
	(ii) Specified Interest Payment Dates:	[[ ] in each year, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (iii) below]
	(iii) Business Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Business Day Convention/Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention]

Inflation Linked Interest Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)			
(ii) Day Count Fraction:	[ ]]			
(i) Amortisation Yield:	[ ] per cent. per annum			
Zero Coupon Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)			
(xiii) Day Count Fraction:	[ ]			
(xii) Maximum Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum			
(xi) Minimum Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum			
(x) Margin(s):	[+/-][ ] per cent. per annum			
– Reset Date:	[ ]			
– Designated Maturity:	[ ]			
- Floating Rate Option:	[ ]			
(ix) ISDA Determination:				
– Relevant Screen Page:	[ ]			
<ul><li>Interest Determination</li><li>Date(s):</li></ul>	[ ]			
- Reference Rate:	[ ]			
(viii) Screen Rate Determination:				
(vii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the Calculation Agent):	[ ]			
(vi) Interest Period Date(s):	[Not Applicable / Specify dates]			
(v) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined:	[Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]			
(iv) Business Centre(s):	l I			

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	(i)	Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the Calculation Agent):		
	(ii)	Interest Period(s):	[	]
	(iii)	Interest Payment Dates:	[	]
	(iv)	Base Reference:		ily Inflation Reference Index applicable on [specify e] (amounting to: [ ])
	(v)	Rate of Interest:	[ Ind	] per cent. per annum multiplied by the Inflation ex Ratio
	(vi)	Day Count Fraction:	[	1
PROVIS	SIONS	RELATING TO RE	DEM	PTION
18.	Call (	Option	(If i	oplicable/Not Applicable] not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of s paragraph)
18.		Optional Redemption	(If i	not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of
18.	(i) O Date(s	Optional Redemption	(If i	not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of sparagraph)
18.	(i) O Date(s (ii) O Amou	Optional Redemption (s): Optional Redemption	(If i this	not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of sparagraph)
18.	(i) O Date(s) (ii) O Amou (iii) 1	Optional Redemption s): Optional Redemption int(s) of each Note:	(If i this	not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of sparagraph)
18.	(i) O Date(s (ii) O Amou	Optional Redemption s): Optional Redemption int(s) of each Note: If redeemable in part: Minimum	(If this this	not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of sparagraph)  ]  ] per Note [of [ ] Specified Denomination]
18.	(i) O Date(s (ii) O Amou	Optional Redemption s): Optional Redemption int(s) of each Note: If redeemable in part: Minimum inption Amount: Maximum	(If it this	not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of sparagraph)  ]  ] per Note [of [ ] Specified Denomination]  ]

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Delete bracketed text in the case of Dematerialised Notes.

If setting notice periods are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and its fiscal agent.

(i) Notice period: <sup>3</sup> :	[ ]
(ii) Reference Rate:	[ ]
(iii) Redemption Margin:	[ ]
(iv) Party, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due (if not the Calculation Agent):	[ ]
Residual Call Option	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
(i) Call Option Date:	
(ii) Notice period: <sup>4</sup>	
Put Option	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
(i) Optional Redemption Date(s):	[ ]
(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note:	[ ] per Note [of [ ] Specified Denomination] <sup>5</sup>
(iii) Option Exercise Date:	[ ]
(iv) Notice period. <sup>6</sup>	[ ]
Change of Control Put Option	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
Final Redemption Amount of each Note	[ ] per Note [of [ ] Specified Denomination] <sup>7</sup>
	(iv) Party, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due (if not the Calculation Agent):  Residual Call Option  (i) Call Option Date: (ii) Notice period: <sup>4</sup> Put Option  (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note: (iii) Option Exercise Date:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If setting notice periods are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and its fiscal agent.

<sup>4</sup> If setting notice periods are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and its fiscal agent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Delete bracketed text in the case of Dematerialised Notes.

<sup>6</sup> If setting notice periods are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and its fiscal agent.

Delete bracketed text in the case of Dematerialised Notes.

#### Amount

(i) Early Redemption Amount(s) of each Note payable on redemption for taxation reasons (Condition 6(h)), for illegality (Condition 6(k)) or on event of default (Condition 9):

(ii) Redemption for [Yes/No] taxation reasons permitted on days others than **Interest Payment Dates** (Condition 6(h)):

(iii) Unmatured Coupons to become void upon early redemption (Materialised Bearer Notes only) (Condition 7(f):

[Yes/No/Not Applicable]

]

# GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

25. Form of Notes: [Dematerialised Notes/Materialised Notes] (Materialised

Notes are only in bearer form and may only be issued

outside France.)

[Delete as appropriate]

(i) Form of [Not Applicable/specify whether Bearer dematerialised

Dematerialised Notes: form (au porteur)/Administered Registered

> Dematerialised form (au nominatif administré)/Fully Registered dematerialised form (au nominatif pur)]

Registration Agent [Not Applicable/Applicable] [if applicable give name and

details] (note that a registration agent must be appointed

in relation to Fully Registered Dematerialised Notes only)

(iii) Temporary Global

Certificate:

[Not Applicable/Temporary Global Certificate exchangeable for Definitive Materialised Notes on [

(the "Exchange Date"), being 40 calendar days after the Issue Date subject to postponement as specified in the

Temporary Global Certificate

(iv) Applicable TEFRA

exemption:

[C Rules/D Rules/Not Applicable] (Only applicable to

Materialised Notes)

26. Financial Centre(s)

(Condition 7(h)):

[Not Applicable/give details. Note that this item relates to the date and place of payment, and not the end dates of

interest periods for the purposes of calculating the

PARIS 3804405 143 amount of interest, to which items 14 (ii) and 15(iii) relates]

27.	Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):	[Yes/No. If yes, give details]
28.	Details relating to Instalment Notes:	[Not Applicable/give details]
	(i) Instalment Amount(s):	[ ]
	(ii) Instalment Date(s):	[ ]
	(iii) Minimum Instalment Amount:	[ ]
	(iv) Maximum Instalment Amount:	[ ]
29.	Redenomination, renominalisation and reconventioning provisions:	[Not Applicable/The provisions [in Condition 1(d)] apply]
30.	Consolidation provisions:	[Not Applicable/The provisions [in Condition 14(b)] apply]
31.	Masse (Condition 11):	[[No Masse]/[Full Masse]/[Contractual Masse] shall apply] (Note that: (i) in respect of any Tranche of Note, issued outside France, Condition 11 (a) (No Masse) or (c) (Contractual Masse) may be elected by the Issuer, and (ii in respect of any Tranche of Notes issued inside France Condition 11(b) (Full Masse) shall apply.
		[If Condition 11 (b) (Full Masse) or (c) (Contractual Masse) applies, insert below details of Representative and alternate Representative and remuneration, if any:
		[Name and address of the Representative: [ ]
		Name and address of the alternate Representative: [ ]]
		[The Representative will receive no remuneration/The Representative will receive a remuneration of [ ]]
32.	[Exclusion of the possibility to request identification information of the Noteholders as provided by Condition	[Applicable] (If the possibility to request identification information of the Noteholders as provided by Condition $I(a)(i)$ is contemplated, delete this paragraph)]

1(a)(i):

33. [Exclusion of the possibility of holding and reselling purchased Notes in accordance with Article L.213-1 A and D.213-1 A of the French Code monétaire et financier (Condition 6(i)):

[Applicable] (If the possibility of holding and reselling purchased Notes in accordance with Article L.213-1 A and D.213-1 A of the French Code monétaire et financier in accordance with Condition 6(i) is contemplated, delete this paragraph)]

#### RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. [(Relevant third party information) has been extracted from (specify source). [The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is able to ascertain from information published by (specify source), no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

Sign	ned on behalf of [name of the Issuer]:
By:	
	Duly authorised

#### PART B - OTHER INFORMATION

## 1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

[Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [specify relevant regulated market] with effect from [ ].] [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [specify relevant regulated market]] with effect from [ ].] [Not Applicable]

(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original Notes are already admitted to trading)

#### 2. RATINGS

Ratings:

[[The Notes to be issued [have been/are expected to be] rated]/[The following ratings reflect ratings assigned to Notes of this type issued under the Programme generally]]:

[S & P: [ ]]
[Moody's: [ ]]
[[Other]: [ ]]

[Need to include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider]

(The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating)

(Include appropriate Credit Rating Agency Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 as amended) disclosure) [Insert one (or more) of the following options, as applicable:

[[Insert credit rating agency/ies] [is/are] established in the European Union and [has/have each] applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 (as amended), although notification of the corresponding registration decision has not yet been provided by the relevant competent authority]

[[Insert credit rating agency/ies] [is/are] established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 (as amended)]]

[[Insert credit rating agency/ies] [is/are] not established in

the European Union and [has/have each] not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 (as amended)]]

### 3. [INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE/OFFER]

(Need to include a description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest. May be satisfied by the inclusion of the statement below):

"Save as discussed in ["Subscription and Sale"], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer." (Amend as appropriate if there are other interests)]

[(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)]

### 4. REASONS FOR THE OFFER, ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES

	[(i) Reasons for the offer:	[ ]
		(See ["Use of Proceeds"] wording in Prospectus – if reasons for offer different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks will need to include those reasons here)]
	[(ii)] Estimated net	[ ]
	proceeds:	(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding)
	[(iii)] Estimated total	[ ]
	expenses:	[Include breakdown of expenses]
5.	[Fixed Rate Notes only – Y]	ELD
	Indication of yield:	[ ]
		Calculated as [include specific details of method of calculation in summary form] on the Issue Date. [Need to include generic disclosure re method in base also]
		[(Only applicable for offer to the public in France) [yield gap of [ ] per cent. in relation to tax free French government bonds (obligations assimilables au Trésor (OAT)) of an equivalent duration].
		As set out above, the yield is calculated at the Issue Date

on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield]

#### 6. [Floating Rate Notes only - HISTORIC INTEREST RATES

Details of historic [LIBOR/EURIBOR/EUR CMS replicate other as specified in the Conditions] rates can be obtained from [Reuters]]

7.	OTHER INFORMATION (i) Name of underlyi	Notes only – PERFORMANCE OF INDEX AND CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING ng index: [ ] t the Index, its volatility and past and future performance can				
		de post-issuance information [specify what information will an be obtained]] [does not intend to provide post-issuance				
8.	OPERATIONAL INFORM	OPERATIONAL INFORMATION				
	ISIN:	[ ]				
	Common Code:	[ ]				
	Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme and the relevant identification number(s):	[Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s)]				
	Delivery:	Delivery [against/free of] payment				
	Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):	[ ]				
9.	DISTRIBUTION					
	(i) Method of distribution:	[Syndicated/Non-syndicated]				
	(ii) If syndicated:					
	(A) Names and addresses of Managers and	[Not Applicable/give names, addresses and underwriting commitments]				
	underwriting commitments:	(Include names and addresses of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names and addresses of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or on a "best efforts" basis if such entities are not the same as the Managers)				
	(B) Date of	[ ]				

[Subscription] Agreement:

(C) Stabilising [Not Applicable/give name]

Manager(s) if any:

(iii) If non-syndicated, [Not Applicable/give name and address]

name and address of Dealer:

(iv) Indication of the ] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount

overall amount of the underwriting commission and of the placing commission:

(v) US Selling Reg. S Compliance Category 2 applies to the Notes; [TEFRA C/TEFRA D/ TEFRA not applicable]

Restrictions(Categories of potential investors to which the Notes are offered):

(vi) Non-exempt Offer: [Not Applicable] [An offer of the Notes may be made by

> [the Managers [and the Authorised Offeror(s)]] other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in [specify relevant Member State(s) - which must be jurisdictions where the Prospectus and any supplements have been passported ("Public Offer Jurisdictions") during the period from [specify date] until [specify date] ("Offer Period"). See further Paragraph 10 of Part B

below

#### 10. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER

[Issue Price][specify] Offer Price:

Conditions to which the

offer is subject:

[Not Applicable/give details]

Description of the application process: [Not Applicable/give details]

Description of possibility to reduce subscriptions and manner for refunding excess amount paid by

[Not Applicable/give details]

applicants:

Details of the minimum

[Not Applicable/give details]

and/or maximum amount of

application:

[Not Applicable/give details]

Details of the method and time limits for paying up and delivering the Notes:

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[Not Applicable/give details]

Procedure for exercise of any right of pre-emption, negotiability of subscription rights and treatment of subscription rights not exercised:

[Not Applicable/give details]

Whether tranche(s) have been reserved for certain countries:

[Not Applicable/give details]

Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and the indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made: [Not Applicable/give details]

Amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser: [Not Applicable/give details]

Consent of the Issuer to use the Prospectus during the Offer Period: [Not Applicable / Applicable with respect to any Authorised Offeror specified below]

Authorised Offeror(s) in the various countries where the offer takes place: [Not Applicable / Name(s) and address(es) of the financial intermediary(ies) appointed by the Issuer to act as Authorised Offeror(s)/ Any financial intermediary which satisfies the conditions set out below in item "Conditions attached to the consent of the Issuer to use the Prospectus"]

Conditions attached to the consent of the Issuer to use the Prospectus:

[Not Applicable / Where the Issuer has given a general consent to any financial intermediary to use the Prospectus, specify any additional conditions to or any condition replacing those set out on page 4 of the Base Prospectus or indicate "See conditions set out in the Base Prospectus". Where Authorised Offeror(s) have been designated herein, specify any condition]

#### [ANNEX – FORM OF ISSUE SPECIFIC SUMMARY]

This summary relates to [insert description of Notes] (the "Notes") described in the final terms (the "Final Terms") to which this summary is annexed. This summary contains that information from the summary set out in the base prospectus dated 2 October 2014 which has received visa no. 14-534 from the Autorité des marchés financiers (the "AMF") on 2 October 2014 [as supplemented by the Supplement(s) dated [●] which has received visa no. [●] from the AMF on [•]] (the "Base Prospectus") which is relevant to the Notes together with the relevant information from the Final Terms. This summary must be read as an introduction to the Base Prospectus and is provided as an aid to investors when considering whether to invest in the Notes, but is not a substitute for the Base Prospectus. Any decision to invest in the Notes should be based on a consideration of the Base Prospectus as a whole, including any documents incorporated by reference, the supplement(s) dated [●] which has received visa no. [●] from the AMF on [●]] and the Final Terms. Following the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC, as amended) in each Member State of the European Economic Area, no civil liability will attach to GDF SUEZ in any such Member State solely on the basis of this summary, including any translation thereof, unless it is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of the Base Prospectus and the Final Terms or it does not provide, when read together with the other parts of the Base Prospectus and the Final Terms, key information (as defined in Article 2.1(s) of the Prospectus Directive) in order to aid investors when considering whether to invest in the Notes. Where a claim relating to information contained in the Base Prospectus and the Final Terms is brought before a court, the plaintiff may, under the national legislation of the Member State where the claim is brought, be required to bear the costs of translating the Base Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated.

Summaries are made up of disclosure requirements known as 'Elements' which communication is required by Annex XXII of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU)  $n^{\circ}486/2012$  of 30 March 2012. These elements are numbered in Sections A – E (A.1 – E.7).

This summary contains all the Elements required to be included in a summary for this type of securities and Issuer. Because some Elements are not required to be addressed, there may be gaps in the numbering sequence of the Elements.

Even though an Element may be required to be inserted in the summary because of the type of securities and Issuer, it is possible that no relevant information can be given regarding the Element. In this case a short description of the Element is included in the summary with the mention of 'not applicable'.

[To be completed as per introductory summary]	
A.1	etc

#### [ANNEXE – RÉSUMÉ DE L'ÉMISSION]

Ce résumé concerne [description des Titres émis] (les «Titres») décrits dans les conditions définitives (les « Conditions Définitives ») auxquelles ce résumé est annexé. Ce résumé comprend l'information contenue dans le résumé du prospectus de base en date du 2 octobre 2014 qui a reçu le visa n°14-534 de l'Autorité des marchés financiers (l'« AMF ») le 2 octobre 2014 [tel que complété par le(s) supplément(s) en date du [●] qui a reçu le visa n°[•] de l'AMF le [•]] (le « Prospectus de Base ») relatif aux Titres ainsi que l'information pertinente des Conditions Définitives. Ce résumé doit être lu comme une introduction au Prospectus de Base et est fourni comme une aide aux investisseurs envisageant d'investir dans les Titres, mais ne se substitue pas au Prospectus de Base. Toute décision d'investir dans les Titres devrait être prise au regard du Prospectus de Base dans son ensemble, ce inclus tous documents incorporés par référence [, le(s) supplément(s) en date du [•] qui a reçu le visa n° [•] de l'AMF le [•]] et les Conditions Définitives A la suite de la transposition des dispositions applicables de la Directive Prospectus (2003/71/CE, telle que modifiée) dans chacun des Etats Membres de l'Espace Economique Européen, la responsabilité civile de GDF SUEZ peut être engagée, mais uniquement si le contenu du résumé est trompeur, inexact ou contradictoire par rapport aux autres parties du Prospectus de Base, ou s'il ne fournit pas, lu en combinaison avec les autres parties du Prospectus de Base et les Conditions Définitives, les informations clés (telles que définies à l'Article 2.1(s) de la Directive Prospectus) permettant d'aider les investisseurs lorsqu'ils envisagent d'investir dans les Titres. Lorsqu'une action en responsabilité concernant l'information contenue dans le Prospectus de Base et les Conditions Définitives est intentée devant un tribunal, le plaignant peut, selon la législation nationale de l'État Membre dans lequel l'action est intentée, avoir à supporter les frais de traduction du Prospectus de Base avant le début de la procédure judiciaire.

Les résumés contiennent des exigences de publicité appelées « Éléments » dont la communication est requise par l'Annexe XXII du Règlement délégué (UE) n°486/2012 du 30 mars 2012. Ces éléments sont numérotés dans les sections A à E (A.1 –E.7).

Ce résumé contient tous les éléments devant être inclus dans un résumé pour ce type de valeurs mobilières et d'Émetteur. La numérotation des Éléments peut ne pas se suivre en raison du fait que certains Eléments n'ont pas à être inclus.

Bien qu'un Élément doive être inclus dans le résumé du fait du type de valeur mobilière et d'Émetteur concerné, il se peut qu'aucune information pertinente ne puisse être donnée sur cet Élément. Dans ce cas, une brève description de l'Élément est incluse dans le résumé suivie de la mention « Sans objet ».

[A com	npléter conformément au résumé introductif]
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# FORM OF FINAL TERMS 2 – FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE OF NOTES WITH A DENOMINATION OF AT LEAST &100,000 TO BE ADMITTED TO TRADING ON A REGULATED MARKET AND/OR OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

#### Final Terms dated [•]

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#### **GDF SUEZ**

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes] under the Euro 25,000,000,000

#### **Euro Medium Term Note Programme**

#### PART A - CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 2 October 2014 which has received visa no. 14-534 from the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (the "AMF") on 2 October 2014 [and the supplement(s) to it dated [●] which has received visa no. [●] from the AMF on [●]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Directive 2003/71/EC as amended (the "Prospectus Directive"), (the "Base Prospectus"). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus [as supplemented by the supplement]. The Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing on the website of the AMF (www.amf-france.org) and of GDF SUEZ (www.gdfsuez.com) and printed copies may be obtained from GDF SUEZ at 1, place Samuel de Champlain, 92400 Courbevoie, France.

The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under [a Base Prospectus / an Offering Circular] with an earlier date.

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "Conditions") set forth under the section entitled "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" in the [Offering Circular dated 17 October 2002] /[Base Prospectus dated [7 October 2008 / 4 November 2009 / 22 November 2010 / 10 May 2011 / 9 September 2011 / 12 September 2012 / 27 September 2013] which is incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus dated 2 October 2014. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Directive 2003/71/EC as amended (the "Prospectus Directive") and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 2 October 2014 which has received visa no. 14-534 from the Autorité des marchés financiers (the "AMF") on 2 October 2014 [and the supplement(s) to it dated [●] which has received visa no. [•] from the AMF on [•]], which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (the "Base Prospectus"), save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the [Base Prospectus / an Offering Circular | dated [original date] [and the supplement(s) to it dated [●]]. Full information on the Issuer, the Notes and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms, the Conditions and the Base Prospectus [as supplemented by the supplement]. The Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus [is] [are] available for viewing on the website of the AMF (www.amffrance.org) and of GDF SUEZ (www.gdfsuez.com) and printed copies may be obtained from GDF SUEZ at 1, place Samuel de Champlain, 92400 Courbevoie, France.

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable". Note that the numbering should remain

as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs (in which case the sub-paragraphs of the paragraphs which are not applicable can be deleted). Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.]

1.	Issuer:	GDF SUEZ
2.	(i) Series Number:	[ ]
	[(ii) Tranche Number:	[ ]]
	[(iii) Date on which the Notes become fungible:	[Not Applicable/ The Notes will be assimilated (assimilées) and form a single series with the existing [insert description of the Series] issued by the Issuer on [insert date] (the "Existing Notes") as from the date of assimilation which is expected to be on or about 40 calendar days after the Issue Date (the "Assimilation Date").]]
3.	Specified Currency or Currencies:	[ ]
4.	Aggregate Nominal Amount:	
	[(i)] Series:	[ ]
	[(ii) Tranche:	[ ]]
5.	Issue Price:	[ ] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (in the case of fungible issues only if applicable)]
6.	Specified Denominations:	[ ]
7.	(i) Issue Date:	[ ]
	(ii) Interest Commencement Date:	[Specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
8.	Maturity Date:	[specify date or (for Floating Rate Notes) Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to the relevant month and year]
9.	Interest Basis:	[[ ] per cent. Fixed Rate] [[specify particular reference rate] +/- [ ] per cent. Floating Rate] [Zero Coupon] [Inflation Linked Interest] (further particulars specified below)
10.	Redemption Basis:	Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Notes will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [100] per cent. of their nominal amount.
11.	Change of Interest Basis:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] [Specify the date when any fixed to floating rate change occurs or refer to paragraphs 14 and 15 below and identify there]

12.	Put/Call Options:	[Not Applicable] [Investor Put] [Issuer Call] [Make-whole Redemption by the Issuer] [Issuer Residual Call] [Put Option in case of Change of Control] [(further particulars specified below)]
13.	(i) Status of the Notes:	Unsubordinated
	(ii) [Date of [Board] approval for issuance of Notes obtained:	[ ] [and [ ], respectively]] (N.B. Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Notes)]
PROV	VISIONS RELATING TO INT	TEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE
14.	Fixed Rate Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
	(i) Rate[(s)] of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date
	(ii) Interest Payment Date(s):	[ ] in each year
	(iii) Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]:	[ ] per [ ] in nominal amount
	(iv) Broken Amount(s):	[ ] payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on]
	(v) Day Count Fraction:	[30/360 / Actual/Actual ([ICMA] / [ISDA])]/[include any other option from the Conditions]]
	(vi) [Determination Dates:	[ ] in each year (insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon. N.B. only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))]
15.	Floating Rate Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
	(i) Interest Period(s):	[ ]
	(ii) Specified Interest Payment Dates:	[[ ] in each year, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (iii) below]
	(iii) Business Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Business Day Convention/Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention]

(iv) Business Centre(s):			
(v) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to	[Screen Rate Determination/ISDA		
be determined:	Determination]		
(vi) Interest Period Date(s):	[Not Applicable / Specify dates]		
(vii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the Calculation Agent):			
(viii) Screen Rate Determination:			
– Reference Rate:	[ ]		
<ul><li>Interest Determination</li><li>Date(s):</li></ul>	[ ]		
- Relevant Screen Page:	[ ]		
(ix) ISDA Determination:			
- Floating Rate Option:	[ ]		
– Designated Maturity:	[ ]		
– Reset Date:	[ ]		
(x) Margin(s):	[+/-][ ] per cent. per annum		
(xi) Minimum Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum		
(xii) Maximum Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum		
(xiii) Day Count Fraction:	[ ]		
Zero Coupon Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)		
(i) Amortisation Yield:	[ ] per cent. per annum		
(ii) Day Count Fraction:	[ ]]		
Inflation Linked Interest Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)		

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	(i)	Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the Calculation Agent):		
	(ii)	Interest Period(s):	[	]
	(iii)	Interest Payment Dates:	[	1
	(iv)	Base Reference:		ly Inflation Reference Index applicable on [specify e] (amounting to: [ ])
	(v)	Rate of Interest:	[ Ind	] per cent. per annum multiplied by the Inflation ex Ratio
	(vi)	Day Count Fraction:	[	1
PROVIS	SIONS	RELATING TO REI	DEM	PTION
18.	Call (	Option	(If r	oplicable/Not Applicable] not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of paragraph)
18.		Optional Redemption	(If r	not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of
18.	(i) Onte (si)	Optional Redemption	(If i	not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of paragraph)
18.	(i) Date(s	Optional Redemption s): Optional Redemption	(If near this	not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of paragraph)
18.	(i) Date(s) (ii) Amou (iii) 1 (a) 1	Optional Redemption (s): Optional Redemption (ant(s) of each Note:	(If near this	not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of paragraph)
18.	(i) O Date(s) (ii) O Amou (iii) I (a) I Reder (b) I	Optional Redemption s): Optional Redemption ant(s) of each Note: If redeemable in part: Minimum	(If r this	not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of a paragraph)  ]  ] per Note [of [ ] Specified Denomination] <sup>1</sup>
18.	(i) ODate(s) (ii) OAMOU (iii) AMOU (iii) Reder	Optional Redemption B): Optional Redemption Int(s) of each Note: If redeemable in part: Minimum Inption Amount: Maximum	(If it this	not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of a paragraph)  ]  ] per Note [of [ ] Specified Denomination]  ]

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Delete bracketed text in the case of Dematerialised Notes.

If setting notice periods are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and its fiscal agent.

	(i) Notice period: <sup>3</sup> :	[ ]
	(ii) Reference Rate:	[ ]
	(iii) Redemption Margin:	[ ]
	(iv) Party, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due (if not the Calculation Agent):	[ ]
20.	Residual Call Option	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
	(i) Call Option Date:	[ ]
	(ii) Notice period: <sup>4</sup>	[ ]
21.	Put Option	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
	(i) Optional Redemption Date(s):	[ ]
	(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note:	[ ] per Note [of [ ] Specified Denomination] <sup>5</sup>
	(iii) Option Exercise Date:	[ ]
	(iv) Notice period: <sup>6</sup>	[ ]
22.	Change of Control Put Option	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
23.	Final Redemption Amount of each Note	[ ] per Note [of [ ] Specified Denomination] <sup>7</sup>

If setting notice periods are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and its fiscal agent.

<sup>4</sup> If setting notice periods are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and its fiscal agent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Delete bracketed text in the case of Dematerialised Notes.

If setting notice periods are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and its fiscal agent.

Delete bracketed text in the case of Dematerialised Notes.

### 24. Early Redemption Amount

(i) Early Redemption [ ]
Amount(s) of each Note
payable on redemption for
taxation reasons
(Condition 6(h)), for
illegality (Condition 6(k))
or on event of default
(Condition 9):

(ii) Redemption for [Yes/No] taxation reasons permitted on days others than Interest Payment Dates (Condition 6(h)):

(iii) Unmatured Coupons to become void upon early redemption (Materialised Bearer Notes only) (Condition 7(f)):

[Yes/No/Not Applicable]

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

25. Form of Notes: [Dematerialised Notes/Materialised Notes] (Materialised

Notes are only in bearer form and may only be issued

outside France.)

[Delete as appropriate]

(i) Form of [Not Applicable/specify whether Bearer dematerialised

Dematerialised Notes: form (au porteur)/Administered Registered

Dematerialised form (*au nominatif administré*)/Fully Registered dematerialised form (*au nominatif pur*)]

(ii) Registration Agent [Not Applicable/Applicable] [if applicable give name and

details] (note that a registration agent must be appointed in relation to Fully Registered Dematerialised Notes only)

(iii) Temporary Global

Certificate:

[Not Applicable/Temporary Global Certificate

exchangeable for Definitive Materialised Notes on [ ] (the "Exchange Date"), being 40 calendar days after the Issue Date subject to postponement as specified in the

Temporary Global Certificate]

(iv) Applicable TEFRA

exemption:

[C Rules/D Rules/Not Applicable] (Only applicable to

Materialised Notes)

26. Financial Centre(s) [Not Applicable/give details. Note that this item relates to

	(Condition 7(h)):	the date and place of payment, and not the end dates of interest periods for the purposes of calculating the amount of interest, to which items 14 (ii) and 15(iii) relates]	
27.	Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):	[Yes/No. If yes, give details]	
28.	Details relating to Instalment Notes:	[Not Applicable/give details]	
	(i) Instalment Amount(s):	[ ]	
	(ii) Instalment Date(s):	[ ]	
	(iii) Minimum Instalment Amount:	[ ]	
	(iv) Maximum Instalment Amount:	[ ]	
29.	Redenomination, renominalisation and reconventioning provisions:	[Not Applicable/The provisions [in Condition 1(d)] apply]	
30.	Consolidation provisions:	[Not Applicable/The provisions [in Condition 14(b)] apply]	
31.	Masse (Condition 11):	[[No Masse]/[Full Masse]/[Contractual Masse] shall apply] (Note that: (i) in respect of any Tranche of Note issued outside France, Condition 11 (a) (No Masse) or (c (Contractual Masse) may be elected by the Issuer, and (ii in respect of any Tranche of Notes issued inside France Condition 11(b) (Full Masse) shall apply.	
		[If Condition 11 (b) (Full Masse) or (c) (Contractual Masse) applies, insert below details of Representative and alternate Representative and remuneration, if any:	
		[Name and address of the Representative: [	
		Name and address of the alternate Representative: [ ]]	
		[The Representative will receive no remuneration/The Representative will receive a remuneration of [ ]]	
32.	[Exclusion of the possibility to request identification information	[Applicable] (If the possibility to request identification information of the Noteholders as provided by Condition I(a)(i) is contemplated, delete this paragraph)]	

of the Noteholders as provided by Condition 1(a)(i):

33. [Exclusion of the possibility of holding and reselling purchased Notes in accordance with Article L.213-1 A and D.213-1 A of the French *Code monétaire et financier* (Condition 6(i)):

[Applicable] (If the possibility of holding and reselling purchased Notes in accordance with Article L.213-1 A and D.213-1 A of the French Code monétaire et financier in accordance with Condition 6(i) is contemplated, delete this paragraph)]

#### RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. [(Relevant third party information) has been extracted from (specify source). [The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is able to ascertain from information published by (specify source), no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

Sign	ned on behalf of [name of the Issuer]:
By:	
	Duly authorised

#### PART B - OTHER INFORMATION

### 1. (i) Listing and admission to trading

[Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [specify relevant regulated market] with effect from [ ].] [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [specify relevant regulated market]] with effect from [ ].] [Not Applicable]

(ii) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading:

[ ]

(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original Notes are already admitted to trading)

#### 2. RATINGS

Ratings:

[[The Notes to be issued [have been/are expected to be] rated]/[The following ratings reflect ratings assigned to Notes of this type issued under the Programme generally]]:

[S & P: [ ]]
[Moody's: [ ]]
[[Other]: [ ]]

(The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating)

(Include appropriate Credit Rating Agency Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 as amended) disclosure) [Insert one (or more) of the following options, as applicable:

[[Insert credit rating agency/ies] [is/are] established in the European Union and [has/have each] applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 (as amended), although notification of the corresponding registration decision has not yet been provided by the relevant competent authority]

[[Insert credit rating agency/ies] [is/are] established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 (as amended)]]

[[Insert credit rating agency/ies] [is/are] not established in

the European Union and [has/have each] not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 (as amended)]]

### 3. [INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE/OFFER]

(Need to include a description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest. May be satisfied by the inclusion of the statement below):

"Save as discussed in ["Subscription and Sale"], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer." (Amend as appropriate if there are other interests)]

[(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)]

### 4. REASONS FOR THE OFFER, ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES<sup>8</sup>

	[(i) Re	easons for the offer:	[	]	
			reasons for offe	Proceeds"] wording in Prospectus – if r different from making profit and/or risks will need to include those reasons	
		timated net	[	]	
	proceeds:		(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding)		
	[(iii)] Estimated total expenses:		[	]	
			[Include breakdov	vn of expenses]	
5.	[Fixed Rate Notes only – YIELD				
	Indicati	cation of yield:	[	]	
			The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield]		
6.	[Floatin	[Floating Rate Notes only - HISTORIC INTEREST RATES			

Details of historic [LIBOR/EURIBOR/EUR CMS replicate other as specified in the

Required for derivative securities to which Annex 12 to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.

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Conditions | rates can be obtained from [Reuters]]

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### 7. [Inflation Linked Interest Notes only – PERFORMANCE OF INDEX AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING

	(i)	Name of underlying index: [ ]					
	(ii)	(ii) Information about the Index: [ ]					
	The Issuer [intends to provide post-issuance information [specify what information will be reported and where it can be obtained]] [does not intend to provide post-issuance information]						
8.	OPERATIONAL INFORMATION						
	ISIN:		[	]			
	Common	Code:	[	]			
	Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, <i>société anonyme</i> and the relevant identification number(s):		[Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s)]				
	Delivery:		Delivery [against/free of] payment				
	Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):		[	1			
9.	DISTRIBUTION						
	(i) Method of distribution:		[Syndicated/Non-syndicated]				
	(ii) If syndicated:						
	(A) Nan	nes of Managers:	[Not	Applicable/give names]			
			on a agre on a	dude names of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue a firm commitment basis and names of the entities eing to place the issue without a firm commitment or "best efforts" basis if such entities are not the same the Managers)			
	(B) Stabilising Manager(s) if any:		[Not Applicable/give name]				
		on-syndicated, l address of	[Not	Applicable/give name]			
	(iv) US	Selling	Reg.	S Compliance Category 2 applies to the Notes;			

Restrictions(Categories of [TEFRA C/TEFRA D/ TEFRA not applicable] potential investors to which the Notes are offered):

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### (1) AMF visa and admission to trading of the Notes issued under the Programme

This Base Prospectus has received visa no. 14-534 from the AMF on 2 October 2014. Application may be made to list and admit any Series of Notes issued hereunder to trading on Euronext Paris and/or on any other Regulated Market.

#### (2) Consents, Approvals and authorisations

The Issuer has obtained all necessary corporate and other consents, approvals and authorisations in the Republic of France, in connection with the establishment and update of the Programme.

Any issue of Notes by the Issuer under the Programme (to the extent they constitute *obligations*) will be authorised by a resolution of its *Conseil d'Administration* which may delegate its powers within one year from the date of such authorisation to one or more of its members, its *Directeur Général* or, with the approval of the latter, one or more *Directeurs Généraux Délégués*. For this purpose, the *Conseil d'Administration* of the Issuer has, on 11 December 2013, delegated its powers to issue up to €10 billion of notes to the *Président-Directeur Général* and to the *Directeur Général Délégué*. All other securities issued under the Programme by the Issuer, to the extent they do not constitute *obligations*, will fall within the general powers of the *Président-Directeur Général* of the Issuer (or, should the Issuer decide to appoint a separate *Président* and a separate *Directeur Général* or a *Directeur Général Délégué*, the *Directeur Général* or the *Directeur Général Délégué*) or any other authorised official acting by delegation.

#### (3) Trend information

There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer or the Group since 31 December 2013.

#### (4) No significant change in the Issuer's financial or trading position

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer and the Group since 30 June 2014.

#### (5) Legal and arbitration proceedings

Except as disclosed in this Base Prospectus and any documents incorporated by reference therein, there has been no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware) against or affecting the Issuer or any of the Issuer's fully consolidated subsidiaries during the period of 12 months immediately preceding the date of this Base Prospectus which have had in the recent past or may have individually or in the aggregate a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer or the Group.

#### (6) Information concerning the underlying

In respect of derivatives securities as defined in Article 15.2 of Commission Regulation no. 809/2004, as amended, the relevant Final Terms will indicate whether or not the Issuer intends to provide post-issuance information concerning the underlying. If the Issuer intends to report such information, the relevant Final Terms will specify what information will be reported and where such information can be obtained.

#### (7) Clearing of the Notes issued under the Programme

The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream; the appropriate common code and the International Securities Identification number, in relation to the Notes of each Series will be specified in the relevant Final Terms relating thereto. The relevant Final Terms shall specify any other clearing system as shall have accepted the relevant Notes for clearance together with any further appropriate information.

The address of Euroclear is Euroclear Bank SA/NV, 1 boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels and the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is Clearstream Banking, 42 avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg.

#### (8) Auditors

Mazars, Ernst & Young et Autres and Deloitte & Associés (all entities regulated by the *Haut Conseil du Commissariat aux Comptes* and duly authorised as *Commissaires aux comptes*) have audited and rendered audit reports on the consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the years ended 31 December 2012 and 2013. Mazars, Ernst & Young et Autres and Deloitte & Associés have rendered a limited review report on the consolidated semi-annual financial statements of the Issuer for the period ended 30 June 2014. The French auditors carry out their duties in accordance with the principles of *Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes* and are members of the CNCC professional body.

#### (9) Legends

Each Temporary Global Certificate will bear the following legend: "THIS TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"). NEITHER THIS GLOBAL NOTE NOR ANY PORTION HEREOF MAY BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO ANY U.S. PERSON UNLESS AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT IS AVAILABLE."

Each Materialised Bearer Note, Receipt, Coupon and Talon issued in compliance with the D Rules will bear the following legend: "ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(J) AND 1287(A) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE."

### PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE BASE PROSPECTUS

I hereby certify, after having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, that the information contained in this Base Prospectus is, to the best of my knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

The 2014 GDF SUEZ First-Half Financial Report includes an emphasis of matter referring to notes 1 and 2 to the consolidated financial statements which describe the mandatory application of new accounting standards and methods in 2014 and the impact of applying the new consolidation standards to the comparative 2013 financial statements.

#### **GDF SUEZ**

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Duly represented by:
Grégoire de Thier
Senior Financial Advisor
authorised signatory, pursuant to the power of attorney dated 29 September 2014
on 2 October 2014



#### Autorité des marchés financiers

In accordance with Articles L. 412-1 and L. 621-8 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and with the General Regulations (*Réglement Général*) of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* ("AMF"), in particular Articles 212-31 to 212-33, the AMF has granted to this Base Prospectus the visa no. 14-534 on 2 October 2014. This document may only be used for the purposes of a financial transaction if completed by Final Terms. It was prepared by the Issuer and its signatories assume responsibility for it. In accordance with Article L. 621-8-1-I of the French *Code monétaire et financier*, the visa was granted following an examination by the AMF of "whether the document is complete and comprehensible, and whether the information it contains is coherent". It does not imply that the AMF has verified the accounting and financial data set out in it. This visa has been granted subject to the publication of Final Terms in accordance with Article 212-32 of the AMF's General Regulations, setting out the terms of the securities being issued.

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