

## Press Release

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### Tractebel Energy Services signs on to power Moody Gardens

Tractebel Energy Services, Inc., the US retail energy business of Tractebel Electricity & Gas International (EGI), a business division of SUEZ (NYSE: SZE), announced today that it has become the new energy provider for Galveston's Moody Gardens.

Recently named the top tourist attraction in the Houston area – and number eight in the state of Texas – Moody Gardens hosts more than two million visitors each year who come to enjoy the property's many attractions and hotel, which include a Rainforest Pyramid, an Aquarium Pyramid, an IMAX® 3-D Theatre and more. The most recent addition to the 242-acre campus is the expansion of a resort hotel and state-of-the art conference center.

“Our energy needs are so varied with each attraction and can be so specialized – for example, with the aquarium – we were looking for an energy provider who could demonstrate they could partner with us to meet these unique needs,” said Mike Riley, President of Moody Gardens. “Tractebel Energy Services not only met our cost requirements, but their customer focus and flexibility based on what our facilities require convinced us that they were the right power provider for Moody Gardens.”

Tractebel Energy Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tractebel North America, Inc., provides end-user electricity and related energy services and products to Commercial and Industrial (C&I) customers across the U.S. The company helps customers control their energy budgets by providing innovative pricing structures that minimize the customers' exposure to the risks associated with the energy market.

Commenting on the agreement, CEO and President Zin Smati said, “*We're proud to say that we are providing Moody Gardens with the power they need to run their expansive operation. We realized they had some sophisticated energy needs, and we are confident that with Tractebel's expertise, we're the right provider for their business. We're also proud to be able to align ourselves with such a distinguished organization that combines entertainment with education and conservation.*”

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## **About Moody Gardens**

Located in Galveston, Texas, Moody Gardens is a public, non-profit educational destination utilizing nature in the advancement of rehabilitation, conservation, recreation and research. Recreational facilities that provide an educational experience such as the Aquarium Pyramid and the Rainforest Pyramid are the cornerstone of the Gardens' operation. Other initiatives include the Hope Therapy program – which allows disabled guests to interact with the plants for rehabilitation and vocational purposes- and the JAM: Journey through Amazing Music exhibit. The JAM: Journey through Amazing Music exhibit is one of the facility's traveling exhibits that are part of the property's effort to continually offer guests a new experience with each visit. Founded by the Moody Foundation, Moody Gardens seeks to embrace the environment, educate the young, inspire the disabled and looks to the future – all while entertaining the greater Houston area and beyond. For more information about Moody Gardens, visit [www.moodygardens.org](http://www.moodygardens.org).

## **About Tractebel North America, Inc.**

Based in Houston, Tractebel North America Inc. (TNA), is responsible for managing SUEZ's positions within the energy value chain in the US, Mexico and Canada, including electricity generation and cogeneration, natural gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG), asset-based trading and origination, and retail energy sales and related services to Commercial and Industrial customers.

TNA owns and/or operates a total of 59 power, cogeneration, steam, and chilled-water facilities, including those in construction or development, representing a capacity of more than 5,717 MW of electricity generation, 12 million pounds per hour of steam, and 147,000 tons per hour of chilled water. TNA's wholly owned subsidiary, Tractebel LNG North America LLC ("TLNGNA"), owns and operates a liquefied natural gas ("LNG") receiving terminal in Everett, Massachusetts, which commenced operations in 1971 and currently serves most of the gas utilities in New England and key power producers, meeting approximately 20% of New England's annual gas demand.

In Mexico, TNA affiliates operate three natural gas distribution companies, located in Guadalajara, Querétaro and Tampico, which serve more than 90,000 customers with clean and reliable energy. TNA affiliates also operate cogeneration plants in Tampico and Monterrey, which produce 280 MW of power. TNA and its affiliates are the only companies in Mexico with the capacity to offer integrated solutions regarding natural gas, electricity and energy-related services.

For more information about **SUEZ, Tractebel Electricity & Gas International**, or **Tractebel Energy Services** visit the Web site at [www.tractebelenergy.com](http://www.tractebelenergy.com).

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