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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **UN-Habitat launches partnership with Shanghai SUS Environment Ltd to advance sustainable urban development.**

**Shanghai, China, 11 March 2024** — At an event on 8 March 2024 in Shanghai, China, attended by global leaders and industry experts, UN-Habitat launched a new partnership with Shanghai SUS Environment Ltd., highlighting the potential of the new collaboration in advancing sustainable urban development. The announcement was made during the launch of the Waste to Energy International Alliance, a partnership between Shanghai SUS Environment Ltd. and Hitachi Zosen Corporation and other global partners which promises to revolutionize waste management and the energy transition.

In his keynote address, Mr. Erastus Njuki, representing UN-Habitat and the Cities Investment Facility (CIF), lauded the efforts of Shanghai SUS Environment Ltd. and underscored the significance of their new collaboration with UN-Habitat.

The collaboration between UN-Habitat and Shanghai SUS Environment Ltd. tackles critical challenges facing cities today, notably energy access and affordability, waste management and financing of public sector projects. Waste-to-energy initiatives, when executed efficiently, exemplifies how a circular economy may be implemented in cities and communities.

Addressing the urgent need for a just energy transition, this collaboration emphasizes the importance of leveraging innovative technologies, such as waste-to-energy initiatives, to enhance energy accessibility and affordability, particularly in underserved communities.

Effective waste management strategies are key to mitigating environmental pollution and promoting sustainable development. UN-Habitat's Waste Wise Cities Campaign delivers a holistic approach to waste management and reiterates the importance of collaboration with partners like Shanghai SUS Environment Ltd.

Looking ahead, UN-Habitat expressed its commitment to deliver investment-ready projects with Shanghai SUS Environment Ltd. by harnessing the collective expertise, capacity and resources from all the partners of the Cities Investment Facility.

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and Shanghai SUS Environment Ltd. entered into a memorandum of understanding on 19 January 2024 to promote the development and delivery of sustainable waste-to-energy urban infrastructure projects. Under the collaboration, UN-Habitat and Shanghai SUS Environment Ltd. will jointly

mobilize resources to strengthen private investment in waste-to-energy urban infrastructure projects in low- and middle-income markets.

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### **About Shanghai SUS Environment**

Shanghai SUS Environment's project design philosophy, centred on community well-being and eco-friendliness, has been recognized with multiple international awards, including Gold Award winner in the architecture category at A' Design Awards and Competition (Italy), winning in the Infrastructure and Transportation Architecture category at DNA Paris Design Awards (France), and nomination in the Sustainable Green Living category at International Design Awards (IDA) (US), among others. Committed to this path of innovation and sustainability, SUS Environment aims to lead the way in creating a greener, more resilient future in the region and beyond.

### **About Hitachi Zosen Corporation**

Hitachi Zosen Corp is a Japan-based manufacturer, mainly engaged in the design, manufacture, installation, sales, repair, maintenance and operation of environment and plant, machinery equipment and infrastructure equipment, delivering system solutions for energy recovery from waste.

### **About UN-Habitat**

UN-Habitat is the United Nations entity responsible for sustainable urbanization. It has programmes in over 90 countries that support policymakers and communities to create socially and environmentally sustainable cities and towns. UN-Habitat promotes transformative change in cities through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance, and collaborative action. To know more, visit [www.unhabitat.org](http://www.unhabitat.org) or follow us on X @UNHABITAT.

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