

during the third quarter 2013. In future, BASF's water solutions business will fully concentrate on these innovative offerings for the water industry. To this end, BASF previously announced the plan to divest its service-oriented industrial water management business to a strategic partner to further expand the business and give the current 61 employees a long-term perspective.

ChungHo Group celebrates its 20th anniversary in Korea



Seoul, Korea: Recently, a ceremony was held at the 1988 Seoul Olympic gymnasium in Korea to celebrate the 20th anniversary of ChungHo Group, a parent company of MCM Co Ltd. The ChungHo group's entire staff gathered together to announce the new future vision and the goal of achieving total revenue of USD 20 billion by the year 2020. Also ChungHo introduced the new product 'TINY' for the first time. The event was a great opportunity to renew the pledge through the entire group to reach USD 20 billion sales and to dominate the market in Korea. Moreover, the new product 'TINY' is the world's smallest and unique ice cube water purifier together with UV function. It contains 19 patents and supplies ice cube and cold/hot water from a small dimension (29cm x49cm x47cm). MCM Co Ltd is a subsidiary of ChungHo Group and it has supplied RO membranes to more than 20 countries for over 15 years.

Colgate-Palmolive on track to meet its 2015 water reduction target

New York, USA: Major toothpaste company Colgate-Palmolive has achieved a 30% reduction in water use per tonne of product, mainly through improving its assessment of water use at its manufacturing sites. According to its 2012 sustainability report, the 30% reduction puts the company a step closer towards its 2015 water reduction target of 40%. Putting the decrease in water use into context, Colgate has avoided using enough water to fill 4,700 Olympic-sized swimming pools. In addition to the company's manufacturing targets, Colgate is aiming to reduce the use of water associated with its products by 15% by 2015. Since 2005, Colgate has managed a 15% reduction in energy and a 14% reduction in carbon emissions per unit of production in 2012 from 2005 levels. Setting its 2015 sustainability targets in 2011, the company aims to reduce the energy consumption and carbon emissions per unit of production associated with the manufacture and distribution of its products by 20%. Another of the company's 2015 goals is to reduce waste sent to landfills per unit of production by 15% and has so far reduced waste by 10% in the past two years.

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Saudi National Water Company signs USD 587 mn deal with JEC

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: The Saudi National Water Company (NWC) has recently signed a USD 587 million supply agreement with the Jeddah Economic Company (JEC). Under the agreement, the water company will provide JEC with around 156,000 cubic meters of drinking water daily for the next 25 years. The deal was signed by chairman of the water company Loay al Musallam and Walid Batraji, head of the JEC. "According to the deal, the water company will supply 70,000 cubic meters daily of potable water, and around 86,000 cubic meters of treated wastewater," Batraji said. The agreement was in line with the NWC's strategy to provide major companies with their potable water and treated wastewater needs. Real estate developer JEC will use treated wastewater in irrigating gardens and cooling systems in its Kingdom Tower development in Jeddah. The National Water Company recently launched an initiative to improve use treated wastewater in agriculture and industry. Under the initiative, it will provide treated water at competitive prices to encourage companies to use it instead of desalinated water. The NWC has signed USD 1.3 billion worth of similar deals with other companies to supply them with potable water and treated wastewater. The revenues are being spent to improve drinking water and sanitation facilities.

SPML Infra wins new order worth Rs. 488 cr in India

Gurgaon, India: SPML Infra Ltd, one of India's infrastructure development company has won Rs. 396 crores order from PHED, Jaipur. This is an extension of existing earlier order of water infrastructure development work in Ratangarh-Sujangarh and Fatehpur-Laxmangarh in Churu district of Rajasthan. The scope of work of this new order is to design, construction, execution, testing and commissioning of 160 MLD water treatment plant, raw water and clear water pumping stations, 1500 mm diameter MS pipeline of 94 kms of transmission main from Dhannasar to Sardarsahar to meet the cumulative demand of Ratangarh-Sujangarh and Fatehpur-Laxmangarh towns including all relevant civil, electrical, mechanical, instrumentation, automation and SCADA works. The construction period is 3 years and SPML will be responsible for Operations & Maintenance for 10 years post the commissioning. The second order of Rs. 92 crores has also been received from PHED, Jaipur which is for development of water supply system for 92 villages. The scope of works include providing, laying, jointing, sectional testing and commissioning of 607 kilometers of pipeline along with other associated works. The construction period for this project is 2 years and SPML will also be responsible for operations & maintenance for 10 years post the commissioning.

Veolia to provide deionized water system for a power plant in Taiwan

Singapore: Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies (Veolia) has won a contract to provide a deionized water (DIW) system for a new power plant. As part of this new project, Veolia will design, procure, test and commission a DIW system for the new plant, which is set to be one of the most critical sources of power for the Kaohsiung region in the southwest of Taiwan. Prior to this appointment, the same company had engaged Veolia to construct a DIW plant in the Linkou district. As a state-owned enterprise, the end-user had high expectations when it came to the