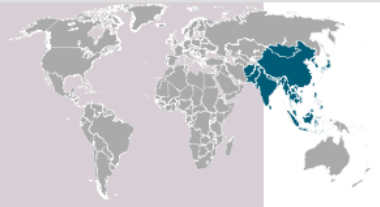


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NEW DELHI, INDIA (OOSKANews Corre...) — Indian water infrastructure company SPML Infra has entered into a joint venture with Norway-based Aqualyng.

The joint venture company will offer reverse osmosis-based desalination plants for Indian customers. It will also help consolidate SPML's position in the growing desalination market in India. The two companies entered into the joint venture agreement recently, though SPML has not yet publically announced it.

SPML Infra has carried and managed a number of high-value water management projects in the water sector on a public private partnership (PPP) and build-own-operate-transfer (BOOT) basis. The joint venture will be on a 50-50 basis.

A company official told OOSKANews that Aqualyng's energy-saving and ready-assembled standard modules reduce costly time spent on assembly and commissioning.

Through the joint venture, SPML will be able to deliver tailor-made containerized and modular desalination units with a capacity of up to 200 million liters per day employing reverse osmosis technology.

The official said Aqualyng RO desalination units were well-suited for hotels and resorts with a need for a dedicated water supply, construction sites with a temporary need for water and offshore installations with limited space.

The desalination market in India is growing, with water scarcity and resistance to industrial use of water at the expense of agriculture in some states prompting companies to plan desalination plants along with their production units.

Municipal authorities in coastal India are also planning to build large desalination plants to meet growing demand for water. "With the joint venture, SPML would be able to cater to the needs of private and government customers for production of potable water for industrial and drinking purposes," the official added.