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Aqwise wins a new Wastewater Treatment Plant project in Northern Israel

The multi-million Dollar project will serve 13 local communities and reclaim wastewater for multi-purpose agriculture irrigation based on Aqwise technology.

Herzliya, Israel, August 24 2008 – Aqwise, a leading technology and services provider of Advanced Wastewater Treatment Solutions, today announced the integration of its world-class AGAR® technology in the construction of the new Meitzar plant, being established at the Golan Heights' southern region. Situated near Kibbutz Meitzar, the new wastewater treatment plant is designed to serve 13 rural communities, many of them with special farming and live-stock enterprises, requiring treatment capacity for highly polluted wastewater.

The Aqwise solution will enable the new plant to effectively address the challenge of inflow peaks, associated with regional conditions, and allow gradual project scalability so as to adapt wastewater treatment capacities to the anticipated regional growth.

Designing the entire plant around the Aqwise solution, will enable a quick and cost-efficient expansion of the plant's capacity as the need arises. The initial plan is to gradually expand the capacity of the plant in the upcoming years, up to doubling the influent volume without requiring additional construction and civil works.

For the Meitzar project, Aqwise will deploy its proprietary AGAR® (Attached Growth Airlift Reactor) technology, designed for enhanced BOD and Nutrients removal, complying with the new and stringent effluent requirements and standards recently instituted in Israel.

The Meitzar project is now underway, and expected to be in operation in the beginning of 2009. Excess Sludge produced at the plant will be transferred via direct pipeline to the nearby bio-gas plant, enabling significant savings on the Wastewater Treatment plant's operations.

The client, *Kolchey Ramat Ha'Golan*, is an organization established in 2004 to manage the construction, operation and maintenance of advanced wastewater treatment solutions for the Golan region, whilst *DHV MED Ltd.*, is in charge of overall planning and design. The project's main contractor is *Elco Contracting & Services (1973) Ltd.* – a leading Israeli based group in the energy and infrastructure related fields, specializing in electromechanical works including the construction and maintenance of wastewater treatment plants. Elco chose to apply Aqwise's technology in this important project.

Mr. Elad Frenkel, Aqwise CEO, said “we are delighted to be part of this new and important project. Aqwise technology presents a uniquely efficient solution for addressing the challenges associated with projects of this type which often involve several uncertainty factors. The Aqwise solution assures the client with both wastewater treatment process stability and the ability to easily upgrade the plant upon request. We are proud to have been invited to work with our partners to bring that value about”.

The AGAR® Technology Advantage

- Cost efficient
- Small footprint
- Fast deployment
- Scalable & simple operation
- Flexible & innovative technology
- Durable & stable
- Intensive Nitrification
- Environmentally friendly

About Aqwise

Aqwise is a world leader in the development and implementation of advanced wastewater treatment solutions for the Industrial and Municipal markets. Aqwise’s proprietary AGAR® (Attached Growth Airlift Reactor) family of solutions significantly increases the capacity and efficiency of existing wastewater treatment plants, while offering compact and scalable deployments of new plants.

The company offers a wide range of services, from process design through full turn-key project management.

Aqwise’s solutions have been successfully installed in dozens of municipal and industrial plants around the world, serving a variety of industries including Food & Beverage, Pulp & Paper, Aquaculture and more.

Aqwise is headquartered in Israel and has regional offices in Latin America, as well as commercial representation in North America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia Pacific.

Aqwise's shareholders are AHMSA Steel Israel Ltd., Elron Electronic Industries Ltd. (Nasdaq: ELRN) and Israel Cleantech Ventures.

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About AHMSA Steel Israel

AHMSA Steel Israel Ltd., a subsidiary of Altos Hornos de Mexico, the largest integrated steel producer in Mexico, was founded in February 2004 as an investment and holding company, for diverse industrial sectors, from mining through wastewater solutions. For more information, please visit: www.ahmsasteel.com

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