



News Release

Biwater Commence Works on a New Project in Southern Morocco

Providing the first turnkey wastewater treatment facility for Laayoune

Rabat, Morocco – 18 July 2017: Biwater continue to deliver turnkey wastewater treatment solutions serving populous and important economic zones across North Africa. Most recently, Biwater were awarded a contract to deliver vital wastewater infrastructure for the city of Laayoune. The city is home to around 40 percent of the regional population in Southern Morocco, which is otherwise sparsely populated.

The civil design and construction contract is already underway with earthworks in progress. Biwater's team are providing a fast-track construction programme to reduce the ecological impact of raw sewage and provide treated water for reuse. The arid region will benefit from the ability to reuse water for irrigation, with treated water meeting local treatment and effluent consent standards.

"This project award emphasises the importance of wastewater treatment and reuse in areas where there are acute water shortages. We are proud to continue our long-standing work to improve sanitation conditions for all across the region," said Yassine Laib, Biwater's Country Manager in Morocco.

The new facility will provide pre-treatment, biological treatment and advanced tertiary treatment, including closed low pressure ultraviolet (UV). Meanwhile, biogas production will also allow for combined heat and power cogeneration for the facility.

Following construction, Biwater will provide two years of operational assistance and training to foster knowledge sharing with the local workforce.

The city of Laayoune does not currently have a wastewater treatment facility, so this project is key to improving sanitation for this important economic zone.

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Caption: Laayoune Wastewater Treatment Plant Earthworks

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About Biwater:

Biwater provides large-scale water and wastewater solutions for clients across the world. Since its inception in 1968, Biwater have gained recognition for innovative approaches aimed at overcoming the world's most pressing water-related challenges. Throughout its history, the company has grown to meet the demands of many water-stressed countries and their burgeoning populations. It has a successful record of accomplishment, having completed over 25,000 projects in over 90 countries – financing, consulting, process engineering, designing, constructing, operating, maintaining and owning water facilities – in both rural and urban environments.

Africa:

Biwater, through its Group and acquired companies, have been involved in over 300 water infrastructure and construction projects within the African continent over a period of 80 years, with the first regional project being recorded in Egypt in 1932. Since this time, Biwater have been bringing the benefits of water infrastructure solutions and project finance to countries right across Africa, gaining an unparalleled track record.

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