



## News Release

### **Biwater and Wood Establish Ground-breaking Partnership to Improve Iraq's Water Infrastructure**

**Surrey, UK – 22 March 2018:** A strategic partnership has been established between Biwater and Wood to work together in Iraq to address acute water shortages, beginning with the supply of water to the Basrah region.

This important agreement between two leading UK infrastructure firms, demonstrates the scale of international interest and support in Iraq's extensive infrastructure reconstruction efforts, and follows the signing of a MoU between the Government of Iraq and UK Export Finance (UKEF) in March 2017, to underwrite GBP £10 billion of infrastructure projects in Iraq over the next 10 years.

Commenting on the partnership, Biwater's Chairman, Sir Adrian White, said, "I am delighted with this new partnership, which is another significant step forward in delivering our respective ambitions within the water industry. Biwater's focus will be to work with Wood – applying the vast knowledge and expertise of both companies – to deliver on the immediate requirements for Iraq's water infrastructure, especially that required by the Basrah Governorate."

Bob MacDonald, CEO of Wood's Specialist Technical Solutions business, said, "We are proud to be offering our diverse capabilities and broad, innovative solutions to support a partnership that offers our continuing support to the redevelopment of Iraq as well as making a difference to millions of people.

"Our focus will be on providing safe and reliable water distribution systems to the Iraqi population. We look forward to working in partnership with Biwater, which is another significant step towards broadening our portfolio."

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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 has gained recognition for its innovative approach 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.

Middle East:

Biwater have delivered a number of strategic turnkey solutions across the Middle East, including the Mafraq Wastewater Treatment Works in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and the Buwayb Desalination Plant and Jeddah Water Reuse Facility in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Most recently, Biwater were awarded a landmark water and wastewater treatment project in the Middle East backed by UK Export Finance, which will address complex water-related challenges in the region.

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