



News Release

Biwater Inc. Selected as Preferred OEM for Omya's Advanced Remineralization Process

California, USA / Oftringen, Switzerland – 29 October 2019: Omya, a global leading producer of industrial minerals and a worldwide distributor of speciality chemicals, has recognized Biwater Inc., a leading company which designs, supplies, and services custom advanced water treatment technologies in the desalination and water reuse industry, as an attractive and complementary partner in applying Omya's Advanced Remineralization Process (OARP).

Jorg Menningmann, President of Biwater's Water Reuse and Desalination Sector, Biwater Inc., said, "We are delighted to be working in partnership with Omya. Biwater Inc. recognizes the benefits of Omya's Advanced Remineralization Process as an optimized solution to many of the desalination and water reuse industries remineralization needs."

Under the terms of this agreement, both companies will partner on selected projects where Biwater Inc. will perform as the preferred Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), designing, supplying and implementing the OARP technology.

Marcus Fuest, Vice President of Group Sales and Marketing Water & Energy, Omya International AG, stated that "Omya recognizes our partnership with Biwater as an important cornerstone in the global rollout of our innovative remineralization technology, providing Biwater customers desalinated water cost savings while improving operational efficiency with a reduced carbon footprint."

The new partnership forms part of both companies plans to continue to expand and grow market share in the desalination and water reuse industry with this advanced complementary treatment technology.

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Caption: Biwater Inc. delivery of advanced water treatment technologies

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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.

Biwater's Center of Excellence in Water Reuse and Desalination:

Biwater's Water Reuse and Desalination Center of Excellence (Biwater Inc.) is a premier membrane system designer and supplier producing high purity drinking, process and reuse water for both municipal and industrial clients. The Group currently has more than 550 MGD of installed membrane treatment capacity globally utilizing MF, UF, MBR, NF and RO technologies.

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About Omya:

Omya is a leading global producer of industrial minerals and a worldwide distributor of specialty chemicals.

The company provides a wealth of product solutions that contribute to its customers' competitiveness and productivity in multiple industries such as Construction, Printing & Writing, Technical Polymers, Packaging, Food, Personal & Home Care, Pharmaceuticals, Agriculture, Forestry, Water and Energy. Founded in 1884 in Switzerland, Omya has a global presence extending to more than 175 locations in over 50 countries with 8,000 employees.

Committed to implementing the principals of sustainability at all company levels, Omya provides added value products and services from responsibly sourced materials to meet the essential needs of current and future generations.

Omya Advanced Remineralization Process (OARP):

Omya has developed the patented and innovative Omya Advanced Remineralization Process (OARP) for the post-treatment/remineralization of desalinated sea or brackish water. OARP is used as well in advanced water reuse systems which include desalination processes such as in Indirect (IPR) or Direct (DPR) Potable Reuse systems.

Main Applications:

- For retrofit or upgrade of existing desalination plant post-treatment originally equipped with lime or chemicals dosing. Reduce operating cost and provide a more stable water quality.
- For advanced water reuse applications. Reduce operating cost and environmental footprint. Allows maximum flexibility in operation along with pristine water quality and lowest turbidity guaranteed.
- For greenfield desalination and water reuse systems. Reduce investment and operating cost as well as provide a stable, pristine water quality.

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