News Release

The Princess Royal visits Biwater International in recognition of its 50th anniversary

Surrey, UK – 6 February 2020: Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal visited British water engineering company, Biwater International, at its headquarters in Dorking to recognise its 50 years of service in providing sustainable water and wastewater treatment solutions to its clients across the world.

Throughout its history, Biwater has grown to meet the demands of many water-stressed countries and their burgeoning populations. Operating across 30 companies, it has a successful record of accomplishment, having completed over 25,000 projects in over 90 countries in both rural and urban environments. Today, Biwater is a world leader in treated water, combining British engineering with a modern, innovative and flexible template for solving the world's water challenges.

During the visit, The Princess Royal met Biwater staff members, who walked Her Royal Highness through a special exhibition that highlighted the company's milestones over the last 50 years and showcased key projects delivered across the Middle East, Africa, Asia Pacific and the Americas.

Welcoming The Princess Royal, Biwater's Chairman, Sir Adrian White, said, "Today's visit recognises Biwater's commitment over the last 50 years to provide sustainable treated water solutions across the globe and improve the lives of millions. Delivery of drinking water and the provision of sanitation are ever-increasing needs in a world struggling to meet population growth and environmental challenges."

He added, "We are honoured to have The Princess Royal with us today, acknowledging the important challenges in front of us. With the world's water resources diminishing and the challenges with global warming, we look forward to continuing our service to communities around the world that will both protect the environment and foster economic development for generations to come."

Biwater built its first major reverse osmosis plant in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in 1971. This first major reuse desalination plant constituted 10% of the world's entire reverse osmosis capacity at that time. Over the subsequent decades, Biwater has continued to deliver water infrastructure solutions and project finance to countries across the world, carrying out large turnkey design-build projects, ongoing ownership and operation contracts, and extensive rural water supply schemes.

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Caption: The Princess Royal visits Biwater International's headquarters in Dorking, Surrey

Caption: The Princess Royal meets with Biwater staff members at the headquarters in Dorking, Surrey

Caption: The Princess Royal unveiled a plaque to commemorate her visit to Biwater International

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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.

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Middle East:

Biwater has 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 was 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.

Africa:

Some of Biwater's earliest international contracts were secured in Africa in the 1960s, when Sir Adrian White led efforts to address growing water treatment and supply shortages across the continent.

Since this time, Biwater has been bringing the benefits of water infrastructure solutions and project finance to countries right across Africa, gaining an unparalleled track record. Biwater has secured large turnkey design-build projects for capital cities, ongoing ownership and operation contracts, and extensive rural water supply schemes.

Asia Pacific:

Biwater has been active in Asia Pacific for over 45 years and has gone on to deliver an array of projects across the region resulting in the construction of over 250 large-scale water and wastewater treatment plants serving capital cities, regional population centres and rural communities.

Biwater's flagship projects in the region include the Malaysian Rural Water Supply Scheme encompassing 134 individual water supply projects, the Changi NEWater Plant in Singapore providing drinking water to a population of 2 million people through reuse and recycling, and the Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Plant, which serves 60% of the population in Hong Kong.

Americas:

Biwater has been working in the Americas since the 1960's, starting with equipment supply and going on to deliver the company's first regional turnkey project, the Northern Range Guanapo Water Treatment Plants, in Trinidad. Subsequently, Biwater has carried out work across South, Central and North America.

Notably, Biwater's ongoing work in Managua, Nicaragua has provided the capital with its first large-scale wastewater treatment plant; it has been recognised for its sustainable design and operation by Global Water Intelligence, boasting the largest sludge drying facility in the Americas.

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.