

Mann+Hummel builds water filtration business by adding Ultra-Flo

Mann+Hummel Filter Technologies (SEA) Pte Ltd is acquiring Singapore-based Ultra-Flo Pte Ltd from Oilfield Technical Services Pte Ltd.

Ultra-Flo develops and produces membranes and membrane systems for water, wastewater and process water. Ultra-Flo employs 60 people in R&D, sales and production of membranes for filtration systems and will have a €10 million turnover in 2010.

"With Ultra-Flo we are expanding our technological base and our

product portfolio. With the new reference products we are accelerating our market access in the field of water filtration," said Ulrich Winter, managing director of Mann+Hummel Singapore. "This acquisition is an important strategic step for the expansion of our water business."

Mann+Hummel set up its Singapore-headquartered Water Division last year, in a strategic move to reduce its dependency on the automotive sector.

www.mann-hummel.com

BWT expands UK water treatment business

BWT Group has acquired Culligan International (UK) Ltd, a UK affiliate of the US-based Culligan Group.

"This deal sets one of the last important milestones for BWT's geographic expansion in Europe. We cordially welcome 160 new employees in UK in our BWT family," said Andreas Weissenbacher, BWT CEO.

The acquired company, now called BWT – Best Water Technology UK Ltd, is headquartered in High Wycombe and has an assembly and

logistics centre in Billingham, Cleveland. The business, which has a strong presence in the UK domestic water treatment market and includes the sale of water dispensers, will contribute about €7 million to BWT's group results this year.

BWT believes that the acquisition will allow Culligan to focus and develop its water treatment sales and services for commercial and industrial customers in the UK.

www.bwt-group.com
www.culligan.co.uk

Aqua-Aerobic Systems acquires Swiss cloth media company

US water and wastewater treatment equipment and systems manufacturer Aqua-Aerobic Systems Inc has bought Mecana Umwelttechnik AG, a Swiss cloth media filtration company.

Based in Reichenburg Switzerland, Mecana Umwelttechnik specialises in biological, compact sewage treatment systems and cloth media filtration technology for the municipal, commercial and industrial sectors. The company currently has systems installed

throughout Switzerland, Germany, Korea and Spain.

"This purchase follows our corporate vision and strategic plan for growth in global water and wastewater markets through geographic expansion, internationally," explained Robert Wimmer, president of Aqua-Aerobic Systems.

Mecana Umwelttechnik will continue to operate from its facility in Reichenburg.

www.aqua-aerobic.com
www.mecana.ch

Johnson Screens buys Italian separation company MA Ind Srl

Johnson Screens Inc has acquired MA Ind Srl (MAIND), a Cesena, Italy-based manufacturer of separation, removal and processing systems for liquid/solid separation.

The MAIND product line includes vertical bar screens, rotary drum screens, screw compactors, vortex grit removal, packaged treatment systems and screw conveyors for the food and beverage, wastewater, pulp and paper, mining, power and oil and gas industries.

This is Johnson Screens' second filtration and separation related acquisition in recent

months. In July, the company announced that it had acquired Martint Environmental, a US manufacturer of filter presses, clarifiers, dredging and other liquid/solid separation equipment. Based in Lexington, South Carolina, Martint Environmental was established in 1998 and serves the textiles, food and beverage, wastewater, pulp and paper, mining, power and oil and gas industries.

www.johnsonscreens.com
www.mainsrl.it
www.martintenvironmental.com

Hyflux/Mitsui JV targets China's water infrastructure market

Singapore's Hyflux Ltd and Japan's Mitsui & Co Ltd are to set up a joint venture company to develop water projects in China.

Galaxy NewSpring Pte Ltd, a 50:50 joint venture, will invest, develop and manage projects in China's growing water sector.

"This strategic partnership with Mitsui underscores the importance of the high-growth water sector in China to both companies. By combining our complementary strengths – Hyflux's fully integrated water solutions and strong track record and experience in China, and Mitsui's entrenched global network, comprehensive infrastructure services and robust capital structure – we form a

powerful platform to accelerate investments in developing critical infrastructure to meet China's needs for clean, safe and affordable water," said Olivia Lum, group president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Hyflux.

Galaxy NewSpring will acquire four Chinese water treatment plants from the Hyflux wholly-owned subsidiary Spring China Utility Ltd, for US\$53.1 million. The new joint venture company will also acquire 18 water treatment plant operation assets owned by the Hyflux Water Trust which have a total designed capacity of 580 000 m³ per day.

www.hyflux.com
www.mitsui.co.jp

Name change for Baden Technologies

Baden Technologies Inc has changed its name to FSI Energy Services Inc.

President and CEO Richard Ball said the name change more closely aligns the company with its operating subsidiary, FSI International Services Ltd, and more accurately reflects its key product and service offerings.

Through its wholly owned subsidiary FSI International Services Ltd, FSI Energy Services Inc specialises in customised filtration, filtration-related technologies and brine plants for the international and domestic energy, chemical and water treatment industries.

www.fsi-international.com