

plant in Orange County, California, USA.

There is an additional 17 500 sq ft of office and engineering space which will facilitate design, engineering, manufacturing, assembly and testing. It will also house technical writers for systems documentation and operator manuals and staff for field assistance and technical support world wide.

Sionix's corporate headquarters will remain at the Airport Plaza Tower near John Wayne Airport, which is less than 15 minutes away from the new manufacturing and assembly plant.

For further information, visit www.sionix.com

Seprotech to acquire PJ Hannah

Seprotech Systems Inc has announced plans to acquire PJ Hannah Equipment Sales Corp of Surrey, British Columbia.

Founded in 1973 by Peter Hannah, PJ Hannah Corp has had revenues of C\$2.0 million–C\$3.3 million per year over the past five years. 2007 revenues are expected to be approximately C\$5 million. PJ Hannah manufactures a range of water and wastewater treatment equipment for use in municipalities and by the resource sector. Peter Hannah will remain with the combined company as a consultant.

"We are very happy that PJ Hannah Corp is coming together with Seprotech," said Martin Hauschild, president and CEO of Seprotech. "The capabilities and talents offered through the combination of our companies are greater than the sum of their parts and we view this transaction as highly accretive on a number of levels. This acquisition will provide skilled staff and distribution – a key element in achieving rapid growth for Seprotech. This deal provides Seprotech with essential distribution and service coverage in Western Canada and expanded coverage elsewhere, particularly to clients in the mining, oil & gas and land development sectors."

Seprotech recently received a commitment letter from Unity Savings and Credit Union Ltd, establishing a C\$1 million revolving term loan and a C\$2.5 million stand-by wholesale lease line. "This facility will help meet our day to day working capital needs as well as to help expand sales by offering leasing alternatives to our customers," said Hauschild.

For further information, visit www.seprotech.com

Fedders granted final approval on Chapter 11 financing

Fedders Corp has received final Court approval of debtor-in-possession financing from Goldman Sachs Credit Partners LP.

The US\$33 million senior secured revolving facility is in addition to the existing US\$46.4 million term loan from Goldman Sachs, which will remain in place.

"The financing will provide the company with sufficient liquidity as we move forward in the reorganization process," said Michael Giordano, Fedders' president and CEO.

In August 2007, Fedders' North American subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the US Bankruptcy Code. At the time, the company said that it would seek strategic alternatives including a sale of its business units during the reorganization process. Fedders' non-North American subsidiaries, which include operations in China, India and the Philippines, were not included in the filing.

For further information, visit www.fedders.com

Good Water partners with GE Water

Las Vegas-based Good Water Co Inc (GWC), the manufacturer of the PureOFlow reverse osmosis water filtration products, has entered a commercial partnership with GE Water and Process Technologies.

Under the agreement GWC will be the exclusive food and beverage and original equipment manufacturer (OEM) for the General Electric (GE) Modular PRO professional series reverse osmosis components.

"We have devised this relationship with GWC Inc in an effort to tackle a number of our key growth markets," said Sam Karge, director of sales and marketing for GE Water & Process Technologies, Residential and Commercial Group. "This allows us to have a consistent and dynamic presence in this market, without the confusion that comes from too many different players in the market."

In Brief

- **Lydall Filtration/Separation Inc** has announced a general price increase effective with orders shipped from 1 January 2008. Lydall says that the increase is necessary as a result of the accumulating increases in energy and raw materials prices. The price increase covers all products and areas of Lydall Filtration/Separation's global business, will vary by product line, and will average 3–5%. www.lydall.com
- Finland's **Larox Corp** is celebrating its 30th anniversary year by funding a Professorship of Solid/Liquid Separation Technology at Lappeenranta University of Technology. Larox will make an annual donation of €95 000 over the next five years, starting at the beginning of 2008, to finance the new professorship. www.larox.com
- **Wave International**, the UK manufacturer of the Wavestream bilge filter, has appointed Uflex to distribute and promote its WaveStream systems in Italy. "Uflex is delighted to introduce Wavestream systems to its distribution. It is becoming increasingly important to protect our environment from pollution and Wavestream bilge filters are a very economical and effective way to achieve this goal," said Giorgio Avigdo, Uflex national sales manager for the marine market. www.wavestream.co.uk
- **Christ Water Technology Group's Aqua Engineering GmbH** has set up a new subsidiary, Aqua Engineering NA Sarl, in Tunis, Tunisia. The new group company will address the growing market for drinking water, waste water and sea water desalination plants in the region, with a particular focus on the French-speaking countries. www.christwater.com
- **Donaldson Co** has received the Masters of Quality Award from Freightliner LLC, a North American heavy-duty truck manufacturer. The award recognises three Donaldson manufacturing facilities for excellence in the areas of accounting, marketing, purchasing, engineering and quality control. Freightliner has presented this award to the top 2% of its 1800+ supply base for the past 20 years. www.donaldson.com

In Brief

- **Ahlstrom** has announced price increases on all of its filter media products, as a result of rising raw materials and energy costs. The price increase will affect all filtration grades produced by Ahlstrom globally and will be effective from 1 November 2007.
www.ahlstrom.com
- **Larox Corp's** Pannevis RT Horizontal Vacuum Belt Filter is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year with the first unit ordered in 1967. 2007 also marks the delivery of the 1500th Pannevis RT filter. The first unit was delivered to a client in the Netherlands who then bought more units and continues to be a customer of Pannevis to this day with four filters currently operational. The customer still operates the filters bought in 1975 while the first unit from 1967 is still in operation at another customer after being sold and revamped in 2000, giving the Pannevis RT filters an operational life of over 40 years.
www.larox.com
- Germany's **BHS-Sonthofen** has opened a new office for sales and service in India. Based in Hyderabad, BHS-Sonthofen (India) Pvt Ltd will be headed by national sales manager Neelesh Desai.
www.bhs-sonthofen.de
- The Mayor of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the Ambassador of Ethiopia to Israel and a delegation of water specialists recently visited **Amiad Filtration Systems** in Galil Elyon, Israel and various sites around Galilee, to consider new approaches to improving water systems.
www.amiad.com
- The Dow Jones Sustainability Index has named **Cummins Inc** to its World Index for the third year in a row, recognizing the company's commitment to economic, environmental and social leadership. Cummins was also named to the Dow Jones Sustainability North American Index. Cummins has committed to reducing its global greenhouse gas emissions by 25% as a percentage of net sales from 2005 to 2010, as part of its membership of the US Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Leaders Program.
www.cummins.com

"In the past, reverse osmosis technology has been cost-prohibitive for most small restaurants and commercial applications," said Karge. "This allows for many of the key restaurant chains to now have a cost-effective solution for those that could not afford it in the past."

According to GWC co-chair Tom Cartwright, the arrangement represents a truly synergistic alignment between the two companies. "Coupling GE's power, brand strength and technology with our system design experience, market focus and flexibility, represents a tremendous opportunity and benefit for our collective customers," said Cartwright.

"The fact that our systems do not add salt or other chemicals back into waste water, and effectively eliminates scaling on appliances, we are able to not only provide pure water, but also help the environment at the same time," said Mike Paice, co-chair of GWC Inc, who holds the patent for the system.

For further information, visit www.gewater.com

Nysa Membrane Technologies secures additional funding

Nysa Membrane Technologies Inc has closed its second round of equity investment which was co-led by Jove Investment Management and BDC Venture Capital.

Nysa will use the funds to further develop and commercialise its patent pending membrane-based platform technology and to build a manufacturing facility. "Nysa's membranes represent a step-change improvement over conventional technologies. They combine the advantages of conventional membranes and chromatographic resins and can be cost-effectively deployed as pre-sterilized, single-use disposables," said Andrew Fraser, director, BDC Venture Capital. "We are pleased to support Nysa in the commercialization of this disruptive technology."

"We are delighted to be an investor in this exciting business venture," said Michael Cross, senior vice president Venture Investments, Jove Investment Management. "Nysa is a great example of how to spin technology out of a university and commercialise it."

For further information, visit www.nysamembranes.com

Kaman Industrial to distribute Donaldson range

Kaman Industrial Technologies is to distribute **Donaldson Co Inc's** filtration products and services throughout North America.

"The addition of Donaldson's broad fluid filtration product line, coupled with Kaman's fluid analysis program, is a key event in fulfilling Kaman's strategy of providing a comprehensive fluid quality management solution to our customers," said Doug Cameron, fluid power product manager for Kaman Industrial Technologies.

"We are pleased to begin to work with Kaman on a national basis," said Marshall Martin, sales manager of Donaldson's Industrial Hydraulics Business Unit. "Our new high performance Donaldson Triboguard filtration products fit well with Kaman's fluid analysis program to deliver enhanced reliability. And, our broad cross reference system will prove beneficial to hydraulic filter users across all of Kaman's wide list of customer segments."

For further information, visit www.kamandirect.com and www.donaldson.com

World fabric filter market to grow 6% pa

Power plants, mines and industrial companies will spend **US\$6.1 billion** on fabric filter equipment, systems and elements to purify stack gases in 2007.

According to McIlvaine Co's *Fabric Filter and Elements World Markets*, revenues will increase at 6% per year over the next five years.

This reflects a number of factors, including the switch from electrostatic precipitators to fabric filters, the fact that power and cement plants are now required to achieve greater than 99% dust removal and that the fabric filter is considered to be the most efficient device for particulate control. McIlvaine points out that as regulations are tightened, the fabric filter tends to be selected more often.

For further information on Fabric Filter and Elements World Markets visit www.mcilvaine.com/brochures/air.html#n021