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Berlinwasser takes over operation of St. Martin Wastewater Treatment Plant

Berlin _ Port Louis, 9 September – Since 1st September 2008, Berlinwasser International AG has taken over operation of St. Martin Wastewater Treatment Plant in Mauritius. "With the know-how of the Berlinwasser Group on our side, together with our partner ONSIONG BROS & CO LTD, we intend ensuring secure and reliable operation", explains Dieter Ernst, Chairman of the Board of BWI: "We believe, that the unique combination of operating experience as well as local and international know-how among our partners, together with achievements on similar projects will enable us to deliver highly efficient services underpinned by world-class management tools and effective local organization."

Mr. Lee Meng How Onsiong, Executive Director of Onsiong Bros & Co Ltd says: "The award of the management contract to Berlinwasser is the first such major award to a German company in Mauritius. For Onsiong Bros & Co Ltd, it is an extension of the company's activities. I'm confident that the international experience of Berlinwasser will bring benefits to Mauritius."

St Martin Wastewater Treatment Plant is part of a government scheme aimed at improving the quality of the coastal water. The treatment plant has a capacity of 70,000 m³/d; its construction was funded by the European Investment Bank and was completed in 2005. Berlinwasser International AG will be responsible for management and operation of the treatment plant for the next seven years.

The wastewater is treated in the plant by conventional means. The biogas produced during the anaerobic sludge treatment is converted into electrical energy and is used for operation of the plant. A third treatment stage with UV and sand filter treats the wastewater which is then used for agriculture.

Berlinwasser International AG

Berlinwasser International AG, as Germany's leading service provider concentrating on the management and operation of drinking water supply and wastewater disposal systems, is active on water markets throughout the world. Within the framework of Public Private Partnership schemes, Berlinwasser International AG offers a broad range of infrastructure competencies for investment and development projects abroad. BWI's range of services includes the design and implementation of operations management and management contracts and collaboration with financial investors. The BWI portfolio also includes concession agreements and BOT and TOT projects, for the management of which the company's head office in Berlin is responsible.

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Onsiong Bros & Co. Ltd

Onsiong Bros & Co Ltd, based in Mauritius have been active in the water sector over the last 20 years. Onsiong Bros & Co Ltd have been working with the Central Water Authority (CWA), the Wastewater Management Authority (WMA) and the Irrigation Authority (IA) of Mauritius where they have been involved in the supply of quality materials and equipment to these corporations. This includes supply of piping materials, control and leak detection equipment, electronic data collecting equipment and software, chemicals and chemical dosing equipment.

Onsiong Bros & Co Ltd have also been involved in negotiations for management of water authorities and construction of wastewater treatment plants on a BOT basis in countries in the Indian Ocean.

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