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Recently Formed Environmental Group to Iraq for Water Treatment

Already a quarter of a year after the formation of the Läckeby Water Group, the order book has increased by SEK 250 million. Among the orders are a water treatment plant in Sri Lanka and a wastewater treatment plant in the city of Zhu Zhu, in the Hunan Province in China. However, the most spectacular task is to clean the water in the former Saddam River, in Southern Iraq.

The order in North Rumaila in Iraq was received a few weeks ago and is a UN-financed project in the Oil for Food Programme. The water in the former Saddam River shall be treated for the purpose of being used for injection into drilling holes for oil extraction. The Läckeby Water Group shall supply equipment for lamella sedimentation after the summer and has the responsibility on site for supervision of the installation.

“In the first quarter of the year, we have booked orders for more than a quarter of a billion SEK, out of which the export represents approx. seventy percent”, says Hans Malm, President of the Läckeby Water Group.

The company was formed at the turn of the year through the merger of the Swedish-owned Läckeby Water AB and the English-owned Purac AB, at one time established by Tetra Pak. Through this fusion, an environmental group has been formed, for the purpose of exporting high quality Swedish water treatment technology.

The project in Sri Lanka started last week and is an undertaking extending for two years. The order is for supply of electrical and mechanical equipment for the water treatment plant Kalu Ganga, in the south-west of Sri Lanka. At the same time, the group has now been awarded its 45th Chinese order. It is the China-specialized department in Gothenburg that has concluded a contract to build a wastewater treatment plant in the town of Zhu Zhu, in the inland province of Hunan. The order amounts to 65 million SEK.

In Sweden, Läckeby Water Group will build the wastewater treatment plant at Stora Enso's Paper Mill in Kvarnsveden at the value of fully 50 million. The municipality of Karlstad has placed an order, amounting to approx. SEK 35 million for the reconstruction of their wastewater treatment plant.

In December last year, Läckeby Water AB in Kalmar bought the shares in Purac AB from the English company Anglian Water and formed the Läckeby Water Group. The acquisition means that Läckeby Water AB, a company well-established in Sweden, can enjoy the extensive international network of PURAC AB.

Läckeby Water Group builds plants for water and wastewater treatment and production of biogas from organic waste. Läckeby develops and manufactures components for plants in their own workshops. Internationally, Läckeby Water Group is one of the ten largest companies in the water and wastewater treatment sector. The Group has 120 employees and estimates to reach a turnover of more than half a billion in 2004.

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