

Press Release

For Immediate Release

CONTACT

Joseph J. Diorio

610-254-7420

jdiorio@btcmarketing.com



Severn Trent Services, Inc.
Suite 300
580 Virginia Drive
Ft. Washington, PA 19034-2707

Severn Trent Services/Gruppo De Nora Form Seawater and Marine Disinfection Joint Venture Combining Resources Provides More Options for Customers Worldwide

FORT WASHINGTON, PA (September 20, 2001) - Combining expertise that will make resources more readily available for customers, and to open new markets for their respective product lines, Severn Trent Services, Inc. (www.severntrentservices.com) and Gruppo De Nora (www.denora.it) have merged their seawater and marine disinfection businesses into a single joint venture.

Under the name Severn Trent De Nora, LLC, the joint venture will market and support the products, services, and operations of each company's respective subsidiaries, including Severn Trent Services' Exceltec International and DeNora Seaclor, S.r.l.

"This combined entity will be serviced and supported by technical experts from both companies and will provide multiple benefits to our customers worldwide," notes Randy Fernandez, Managing Director of the joint venture. Among those benefits are:

- *Enhanced range of technical solutions* – small systems for offshore marine, oil and gas facilities to large custom engineered systems for power generation stations. Each user will be offered the optimum solution to deliver the maximum value.
- *Broader range of services* – including the supply of engineered systems, initial design and application assistance, optimized technical and customer support, installation, erection, commissioning, and maintenance.

- more -

Severn Trent – New JV – page 2

- *More efficient sourcing* – customers can easily access Severn Trent De Nora’s range of seawater disinfection solutions from locations in the United States and Europe.
- *Adherence to standards* – customers can specify products in accordance with the accepted engineering standards of their geographic region.
- *Lower total cost of ownership* – efficient design and supply of seawater treatment and disinfection systems worldwide will help reduce the cost of ownership.
- *Dual currency capabilities* – purchase in Euros or U.S. dollars.

This combination will allow Severn Trent De Nora to effectively service all power generation and offshore marinewater and wastewater treatment and disinfection. The product lines include Omnipure™ marine wastewater treatment, and the Sanilec® and Seacolor® brands of seawater electrochlorination systems.

Randy Fernandez of Severn Trent Services is the managing director of the joint venture, which is headquartered in Sugar Land, Texas. Operations are based in Sugar Land and Milan, Italy. Jim Brannen serves as the joint venture’s worldwide sales manager, based in Texas, and Robert Stortini is operations manager, based in Milan.

About Severn Trent Services

Severn Trent Services, Inc. based in Fort Washington, Pa. is a leading supplier of water and wastewater treatment solutions. The company’s broad range of products and services includes advanced disinfection and filtration technologies, pipeline analysis, rehabilitation and repair services, contract operating services and state-of-the-art residential metering products. Its Analytical Services Division, which includes Severn Trent Laboratories (STL), is the world’s leading provider of environmental testing services. Severn Trent Services generates annual sales of \$500 million with approximately 4,500 employees. The company is part of Severn Trent Plc. (London: SVT.L), Birmingham, England, an international environmental services leader. Severn Trent is an FTSE 100 company.

- more -

About Gruppo De Nora

Founded in 1923 as an electrochemical engineering company, the Gruppo De Nora has become a world leader in engineering, procurement and construction of complete plants for the electrochemical industries. The Group presently operates through ten companies strategically distributed throughout Europe, Asia and America and is the largest world-wide supplier of Dimensionally Stable Anodes DSA® for the chlor-alkali industries. The Gruppo De Nora has an annual turnover of \$100 million and employs a staff of 650 people.

In the field of electrochemical plants for the chlor-alkali industry, the Gruppo De Nora has entered, in the current year, into a joint venture with the Krupp Uhde-Dortmund, which is part of the ThyssenKrupp Group.

###