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Severn Trent Services Receives NSF Certification for ClorTec[®] Line of On-Site Sodium Hypochlorite Generators

First and Only Generator Certified

FORT WASHINGTON, PA – October 23, 2001 – In recognition of its ability to consistently meet the most stringent water purification requirements, the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) has awarded Severn Trent Services (www.severntrentservices.com) certification for drinking water systems.

The company has received the NSF Standard 61 certification on its ClorTec[™] line of on-site sodium hypochlorite generating systems, the first and only generating system of its kind to receive such certification.

The NSF Standard 61 Drinking Water System Components certification is the nationally recognized health effects standard for all devices, components, and materials that contact drinking water. The Standard 61 certification is applicable to the entire line of ClorTec generators that are designed for on-site production, ranging from two to 2,000-plus pounds per day (ppd.), of sodium hypochlorite as a chlorine equivalent.

Severn Trent Services pioneered the application of on-site sodium hypochlorite generation in 1988; since that time, over 1,500 successful installations have been made. The popularity to date can be attributed to inherent system benefits such as savings in operating costs coupled with simplicity and reliability when compared to alternative methods of disinfection. The recent Standard 61 certification complements the existing system benefits by assuring the product meets strict health effect requirements.

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General Manager of Disinfection for Severn Trent Services Gunnar Thordarson stated, “The NSF certification further supports that ClorTec on-site sodium hypochlorite generation is an acceptable, safe, and efficient disinfection technology. Receiving the first NSF approval for an on-site sodium hypochlorite generator is indicative of our leadership position as the worldwide disinfection solutions provider.”

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 a FTSE 100 company.

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