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## Severn Trent Services and RGF Environmental Group Form Strategic Alliance

**FORT WASHINGTON, Pa. – December 7, 2004** – Severn Trent Services of Fort Washington, Pa., and RGF Environmental Group of West Palm Beach, Fl., have formed a strategic U.S. partnering agreement designed to broaden each company's evaporation technology offering for the industrial wastewater treatment market. The partnership enables each company to sell the other's evaporation technology, effectively expanding their respective product offerings to better meet their customers' varying applications and wastewater disposal objectives.

Severn Trent Services offers the Samsco™ line of wastewater evaporators and vacuum distillation equipment. RGF Environmental Group manufactures the RGF Thermo-Oxidizer wastewater evaporator. The two companies have nearly forty years of combined experience in industrial wastewater treatment application and process engineering.

The Samsco line of equipment includes immersion-heated evaporators with an elevated serpentine heat exchanger that permits solids to accumulate below the heat exchanger. This unique evaporator configuration utilizes an open coil, round/tubular design, so that solids fall harmlessly past the heat exchanger.

The RGF Thermo-Oxidizer wastewater evaporator features RGF's proprietary dry chamber flash evaporation technology. Thermo oxidation eliminates corrosion and sludge problems.

Prior to the development of evaporation, companies used disposal technologies that tied them to sewer discharge or forced them to have large volumes of wastewater hauled off-site. Both approaches increase a company's exposure to ever-tightening environmental regulations and their associated costs.

Len Graziano, president and CEO of Severn Trent Services, said, "The Samsco line represents the industry standard for water evaporator design and manufacturing. RGF's flash evaporation technology is complementary to ours and enables us to offer alternative, quality evaporation solutions to our customers."

### About Severn Trent Services

Severn Trent Services ([www.severntrentservices.com](http://www.severntrentservices.com)), based in Fort Washington, Pa., is a leading supplier of water and wastewater treatment solutions. The company's broad range of products and services is concentrated around disinfection, instrumentation, and filtration technologies, pipeline analysis, rehabilitation and repair services, contract operating services and state-of-the-art residential metering products and services. Our international management services business provides support in all aspects of water and wastewater utility development and transformation. Severn Trent Services is a member of the Severn Trent Plc (London: SVT.L) group of companies. An international environmental services leader, Severn Trent is a FTSE 100 company.

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