



GEA 2H Water Technologies Ltd

New appointments to spearhead UK expansion

Northampton, UK 11th May, 2009 – GEA 2H Water Technologies Ltd (GEA 2H), the UK's leading manufacturer of plastic media for water management plant has appointed Richard Manning as its new Managing Director.

In confirming his appointment, John Gattley, Chairman of GEA 2H, said *"With increasing pressure on the water industry to deliver against environmental directives on the one hand and shareholder returns on the other, GEA 2H's aim is to drive the expansion of world class service and products to support these businesses.*

To do this we need quality leadership to maintain our pre-eminent position in the industry & we are delighted at Richard's new role to lead our business into this next exciting stage of growth in the market. A well known figure in the industry, he is the ideal person to lead our expanded team of specialist engineers who now form the GEA 2H operations in UK."

Richard Manning, aged 44, brings a wealth of knowledge to this position from 15 years' experience in water industry during which time he has amassed considerable technical and commercial experience in the UK Waste Water industry.

Richard Manning said *"I am delighted to have the opportunity to develop the UK business at this exciting time for GEA 2H. In an increasingly competitive landscape the GEA 2H business has an outstanding reputation and I am excited to be part of this next phase of business development."*

As part of this overall business expansion in the UK, the management and Financial Services team is being expanded with the appointment of Mike Gooding to Chief Financial Controller.

Illustrating GEA 2H's UK leadership position, Carillion Water has recently awarded GEA 2H the largest single order for plastic media in Europe illustrating their confidence in GEA 2H's ability to deliver robust and reliable water treatment solutions.

GEA 2H Water Technologies Ltd (GEA 2H) is the UK's leading manufacturer of plastic media for water management plant. Its applications are for utilities, such as electricity generation, water supply and waste water; general industrial water cooling and commercial and domestic storm water control and attenuation. GEA 2H sell direct and indirectly via agents and builders merchants and work closely with specifiers, architects and civil engineers in the design and installation of a wide range of industrial projects.

During its 30 years in business, GEA 2H has built an outstanding reputation for quality products and services. GEA 2H comprises the former Environmental Control Division of Munters, Ranik and 2H Aqua operations. GEA 2H supports customers in the UK, Eire and Middle Eastern countries.

GEA 2H Water Technologies Ltd is one of 250 operating companies in the GEA Group AG. GEA is a leading global technology group with core competencies in speciality mechanical engineering and plant engineering. Its annual sales in 2007 were €5 billion and it employs 20,000 people in 50 countries

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