

## Pressrelease

# German Newtec takes over assets and the activities of the Benelux water disinfection company Ecodis

**Berlin-Schoten, September 29, 2009 – Ecodis NV (Alternext : ECOD). *Newtec Umwelttechnik ("Newtec"), a German company specialised in water disinfection, acquires assets and the activities from stock listed Ecodis NV in liquidation ("Ecodis") and reinforces its European market leadership in electrolytic water disinfection.***

Ecodis has entered into a final agreement for the transfer of assets (mainly intellectual property rights, certification and tangible fixed assets) and the activities (portfolio customer agreements) of Ecodis to Newtec Water Systems NV, a Belgian subsidiary to be incorporated by Newtec. Although this transfer has substantially no direct positive financial impact on the overall financial situation of Ecodis, the agreement provides (through a transfer of the future customers commitments of Ecodis) for an uninterrupted continued future service of the Ecodis customers by Newtec. This transfer is an important further step in the liquidation process of Ecodis, which is, however, at this moment not fully accomplished and for which, in accordance with liquidation regulations for companies, further information will be given in due course.

This acquisition of the activities of the stock listed Benelux market leader in electrolytic water disinfection is a major milestone in the international expansion of Newtec and reinforces Newtec's European market leadership. After the integration of the acquired activities, products and technology of Ecodis, Newtec Water Systems NV shall continue to realise the international growth ambitions of the combined Ecodis/Newtec activities. As electrolytic water disinfection becomes a trend and is regarded more and more as an ecological and even more effective water disinfection alternative for existing water treatment techniques (even compared to other ecological solutions like UV), the opportunities for growth are very promising.

### **About Newtec**

Newtec Umwelttechnik with HQ in Berlin (Germany) was founded in 1997 and is market leader in electrolytic water disinfection in Europe and China. Newtec's patented process of water electrolyse results for the first time in a sustainable disinfection of water without addition of chemicals. In 15 years Newtec has installed more than 1000 systems. More than 3 mio. m<sup>3</sup> water is disinfected daily by systems of Newtec.

Newtec has continuously developed new processes, technologies and products and has taken part in research projects. With a total staff of more than 100 in Berlin and international joint ventures, Newtec is at present able to deliver all technologies of electrolytic water disinfection and in all sizes (from the smallest equipment for whirlpools to the largest systems for big water plants). [HYPERLINK "http://www.newtec-berlin.de"](http://www.newtec-berlin.de) [www.newtec-berlin.de](http://www.newtec-berlin.de)

### **About Ecodis**

Ecodis with HQ in Schoten (Belgium) is specialised in ecological alternatives for existing water treatment techniques. Passionate about its mission, Ecodis has developed an innovative concept to disinfect water without the addition of chemicals or heavy metals and without using radiation. Ecodis' client portfolio includes food processing and pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, care centres and retirement homes, sports facilities, leisure parks and hotels mainly in the Benelux.

Ecodis has been listed on the Alternext Brussels Stock Exchange since June 2007. Since May 27, 2009 Ecodis is in liquidation. [HYPERLINK "www.ecodis.eu"](http://www.ecodis.eu) [www.ecodis.eu](http://www.ecodis.eu)

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