

News Release: Septech wins prestigious GCC MEED Quality Award 2011 for its Oman Water Project

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Launched in 2010, MEED's Quality Awards for Projects was a first of its kind in the Middle East and is based solely on the quality of entrants. It aims to raise standards through benchmarking the best practice specified in the project brief and excellence provided in the contract delivery. The 2011 Awards ceremony was held at the Ritz Carlton, Bahrain.

David Heffernan, CEO at Septech said:

"We are proud to have won the MEED Quality Awards for Projects. Building the largest single deployable mobile water treatment plant was truly one of the greatest challenges we have faced. This Award honours and recognises those who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to quality, design, technical innovation, environmental quality and public health. We believe that an effective quality programme is one that gets integrated with business operations and the culture of the organisation and we will continue to offer our clients the best in class service they have come to expect."

Septech Muscat, a fully owned subsidiary of Septech, was contracted by the Oman Public Authority for Electricity and Water (PAEW) following a feasibility study in which Septech's Mobile Water Technology (MWT) was chosen to implement the project that will give the local population access to uninterrupted drinking water. In addition, Septech ensured that a framework for knowledge transfer and development of knowledge works was made available to PAEW.

The Al Ghubrah 5 MIGD Mobile Water Treatment Plant was built as an EPC contract. It is a mobile sea water desalination plant for converting sea water to drinking water. The specifications required was for a 5 MIGD (22,700 M3/day) SWRO desalination plant to be constructed on a fast track basis and to supplement existing municipal drinking water suppliers over the next three years. The design of the plant consists of media filtration; fine filtration and sea water reverse osmosis plant. It uses special boron reflection membranes, in line with the stringent local Omani standards whilst also using highly effective chlorine dioxide for disinfection of feed and water which is produced at the site.

The overall plant design and construction methodology for utilising the intake, processing and discharge components were designed in accordance with Omani Drinking Water Standards (OS08) and World Health Organisation (WHO) drinking water standards.

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About Septech

Established in 1997, Septech is a privately owned company that provides innovative water infrastructure and specialized industry solutions to governments, municipalities, public and private developers across the Middle East. Septech's extensive portfolio spans six major business units, including water, waste water, mobile water, precast infrastructure, marine and utilities management. Septech has distinguished itself within the industry as an independent entity capable of providing tailor-made water solutions and has been involved with a number of landmark projects in the UAE, including the Atlantis hotel, Festival Marina – Dubai Festival City, the Royal Yas Marina – Yas Island, The Els Club – Victory Heights and Tiger Woods, thereby earning the company a reputation as a specialist industry leader.

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