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Water & Waste Water Market Brief 2009

Hungary: Important Links & Contacts

Association of Environmental Service Providers and Manufacturers:

<http://www.kszgysz.hu>

Development Directorate of the Ministry of Environment and Water:

<http://www.fi.kvvm.hu>

Hungarian Water Utility Association: <http://www.maviz.org>

Ministry of Environment and Water: www.kvvm.hu

National Development Agency: <http://www.nfu.hu>



Market Overview

In Hungary public water services are provided by state-, municipality- and jointly-owned water utilities. There are currently five large regional water works companies and more than 300 small municipality-owned ones. Water supply and sewage services are provided often by the same company.

About 97 percent of Hungary's water supply comes from underground sources. All of Hungary's prospective and 600 operating water bases are located in ecologically and geographically vulnerable areas.

Drinking water is available in every town, with 93.7 percent of households connected to drinking water supply. The total pipe network is 64,400 kilometers; the annual public utility drinking water supply is close to 560 million m³. A considerable proportion of the network does not meet EU or Hungarian standards.

The public utility gap – sewer length per one kilometer of water supply pipe – is still over 30 percent; only 44.3 percent of settlements are connected to wastewater collection systems. And only 66.5 percent of collected wastewater is biologically treated.

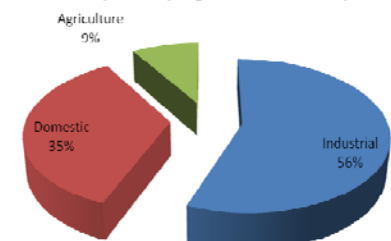
The EU requires that Hungary improve its drinking water and waste water infrastructure. The following technologies and equipment are expected to offer best sales prospects in the coming years: (1) technologies to improve the quality of drinking water; (2) alternative wastewater treatment solutions (“close-to-nature” wastewater treatment, individual wastewater disposal); and (3) monitoring devices and systems.

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Highlight Box

- From 2007-13, 200 billion HUF (USD 1.2 billion) and 1,000 billion HUF (USD 5.8 billion) is projected to be spent on water and wastewater projects respectively, as part of the New Hungary Development Plan.
- About 2.5 million people – 25.1 percent of Hungary's population – in 873 municipalities are supplied by “unsatisfactory” water (i.e., water contaminated with unacceptably high levels of arsenic, nitrite, boron, fluoride or ammonium).

Water Utility Industry Segmentation: Share by Value



Source: Datamonitor, 2006