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Water & Waste Water Market Brief 2009

Poland: Important Links & Contacts

Ministry of Environment – <http://www.mos.gov.pl>

Ministry of Agriculture – <http://www.minrol.gov.pl>

National Fund for Environmental Protection – <http://www.nfosig.gov.pl>

Water Supply and Sewerage Association – <http://www.igwp.org.pl>

Institute of Meteorology and Water Management (IMGW) – <http://www.igmw.pl>

Main Inspectorate for Environmental Protection - <http://www.gios.gov.pl>



Market Overview

According to OECD assessments, Poland has made remarkable environmental progress in recent years, meeting most of its environmental objectives to date. Nevertheless, the road to environmental convergence within the EU will be a long one. As stated by the Polish Ministry of Environment, Poland will have to invest 2.3 – 2.8 billion Euro annually until 2015 to meet remaining EU environmental standards.

Water abstraction has decreased over the past decade and there has been significant progress to connect both rural and urban populations to water supply and sewage systems. While the introduction of water metering, reduction of leakage, charging for water abstraction and wastewater discharges show signs of progress, surface water quality is still unsatisfactory and large investments in wastewater treatment plants have not lead to corresponding improvements in surface water quality. Major expenditures for water management infrastructure are necessary to ensure that water supply and wastewater related infrastructure comply with European directives. Under EU regulations, all towns with populations over 2,000 must have such facilities.

Municipal wastewater treatment plants are slated for construction, extension and modernization. According to the National Wastewater Treatment Plan until 2015, \$8 billion is to be spent for modernization and construction of wastewater treatment facilities and piping systems. Currently almost 200 new wastewater treatment plants are under construction or modernization. Most in demand are wastewater treatment facilities for regions inhabited by less than 15 thousand citizens.

Poland has full access to structural funds from the European Union that are available to finance the rehabilitation of the water/wastewater treatment infrastructure in Poland. Access to EU funding may be subject to substantial EU content proportions, which may require U.S. suppliers to partner or sub-supply. Starting from January 1, 2007 capital for financing water/ wastewater projects can be sourced from the 2007 – 2013 Structural Funds, within framework of Operational Program Infrastructure and Environment. Total amount of funds designated for environmental infrastructure will reach 4.2 billion Euro.

Market demand for advanced technologies is mostly satisfied by imports. European companies dominate the market.

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