



SLOVAKIA

Water & Waste Water Market Brief 2008

SLOVAKIA: Important Links & Contacts

Ministry of Environment – www.enviro.gov.sk

Ministry of Agriculture – www.land.gov.sk

State Environmental Fund – www.envirofond.sk

Water Companies Association (AVS) – www.avs.sk



Market Overview

In 2007 the revenues collected by water management and treatment facilities amounted to USD 1.3 billion. That represents an increase of USD 135 million over the 2006 amount.

Slovakia's water and sewage infrastructure is owned by municipalities and operated by water companies, which are owned in turn by municipalities or private companies. Slovakia has 17 municipal water companies that drive this sector's growth. Fifteen companies are operated directly by municipalities and two water companies, located in Poprad and Banska Bystrica, rent their pipeline networks to the French utility company Veolia.

Servicing water and sewage networks in Slovakia presents long term business opportunities for American companies. Other opportunities are selling water treatment plants, water and sewage equipment and technology for pipeline networks. The construction and reconstruction of wastewater treatment facilities and pipeline networks is a high priority in Slovakia.

In addition, there are a number of medium and small sized construction projects that have water treatment needs, such as water treatment plants or water purification technologies for new factories and recreational or urban areas not connected to the public water network. These small projects are usually covered by local companies that are potential U.S. buyers.

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Highlight Box

- The Concept for Water Utility Development, approved by the government, states that further investments of USD 7.6 million will be made for water treatment projects through 2015.
- Approximately 80 % of water treatment equipment and technology is imported. About 70% of engineering work is done by local companies.