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Norit technology prominent in the 2009 GWI Global Water Awards

More than 350 leaders from international water and finance sectors attended the Global Water Intelligence's Global Water Awards in Zürich, Switzerland, on April 27 to acknowledge the most important international water industry achievements of the past year. As the water technology supplier for three of the esteemed Global Water Awards Norit's prominent market position was highlighted.

Recognized for the greatest contribution to social, environmental and financial sustainability of the water sector, the Beckton Desalination Plant, for which Norit X-Flow supplied the ultrafiltration (UF) membrane technology, received "The Sustainability Award". Acciona Agua and Interserve are building the plant on behalf of Thames Water to the highest standards of environmental protection and energy saving yet seen in the northern hemisphere. Norit X-Flow's SEAGUARD is a dedicated desalination UF membrane that reduces system fouling, which is a key consideration for achieving efficient use of energy and system durability in desalination plants.

Norit X-Flow's SEAGUARD technology is also used by Water Standard Company, which won the "Desalination Deal of the Year" for a \$250 million project to finance and build H2Ocean Cristina, a 50,000-70,000m³/d oceangoing seawater desalination vessel.

Norit Nijhuis' pumps are used extensively in the Gold Coast Desalination Plant, which won the "Membrane Desalination Plant of the Year" award. The Gold Coast Desalination Alliance, a cooperation between Veolia Water Australia, John Holland Group, Sinclair Knight Merz and Cardno, was commissioned by the Queensland Government and Gold Coast City Council to deliver the Gold Coast Desalination Plant. The alliance chose Norit Nijhuis for the supply, commission and start up of the 42 pumps installed throughout the complete process. Situated in a major tourism and residential area, the project is a shining example of environmentally sensitive design, innovative construction techniques and energy efficiency.

These awards demonstrate Norit's involvement in the world's most prestigious water industry achievements and affirm Norit's innovative ability to reduce environmental impact - for a cleaner and greener tomorrow.

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