

## **A BLAZING FINISH TO DRAGON BOAT RACE EVENT RAISES MONEY FOR WATERAID**

***The picturesque River Great Ouse hosts an enjoyable afternoon of dragon boat racing to raise money for charity. The successful event provided support for WaterAid projects in rural areas of Southern Mali.***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Zürich, Switzerland (October, 2010)** – The River Great Ouse recently provided the elegant backdrop to the presence of two fabulously coloured giant dragons swimming along the river. However, closer inspection revealed the mythical dragons were in fact two boats with teams working hard to race each other.

Not the usual weekend activity one would expect to see on the river in the UK, but this fun packed day of dragon boat racing was for a worthy cause. Programmes supported by WaterAid benefited from this charity event, which saw Ecolutia Services win the inaugural event with a blazing team effort to cross the winning line.

Hydro International organised and hosted the event at its UK Wastewater headquarters, with the generous support of suppliers, local businesses and Ely Rowing Club. With 10 rowers and a drummer in each boat, eight teams of racers sweated it out along a 200 meter stretch of the river in a series of close-fought battles. There was even a contest staged and filmed by a TV crew from children's channel CBBC. In the final, with a fiery finish mobile water treatment company Ecolutia Services stormed home to take the Trophy.

The event helped bring Hydro's corporate fundraising total to £40,000 in four years. 'The dragon boat race was a fantastic idea and being able to support WaterAid and be part of this event has been a great success. We look forward to coming back next year to help raise more money and defend our title,' said Stephen Bennett – Corporate Development Director- Ecolutia Services.

All money raised by Hydro International goes towards supporting specific WaterAid projects in rural areas of Southern Mali, one of the world's poorest countries. During 2010-11 WaterAid aims to provide over 17,000 people with safe water and 24,000 people with access to sanitation in the region. In Mali, access to water is a daily struggle, particularly during the dry season when people in rural areas can often spend a whole day walking to collect water.

The teams taking part in the dragon boat event were: Ecolutia Toruk, Mott Macdonald, B&W, WA Cooke, Ely Rowing Club, Hydro Wastewater and Hydro Stormwater. For further information on the event and the fundraising efforts visit [www.hydro-fundraising.com](http://www.hydro-fundraising.com).

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### **Note to Editors**

WaterAid's vision is of a world where everyone has access to safe water and sanitation. Our mission is to transform lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation in the world's poorest communities. We work with partners and influence decision-makers to maximise our impact. [www.wateraid.org](http://www.wateraid.org)

- At least 4000 children die every day as a result of diseases caused by unclean water and poor sanitation.
- 884 million people in the world do not have access to safe water - one in eight of the world's population
- 2.6 billion people in the world do not have access to adequate sanitation - two fifths of the world's population
- Just £15 can enable one person to access safe water, improved hygiene and sanitation

### **About Ecolutia Services**

Ecolutia Services offers industrial and municipal customers a 'one-stop-shop' portfolio of water, wastewater and environmental solutions. Our portfolio of products and services incorporates the world's newest and most efficient fleet of mobile water treatment systems and gas treatment, waste-to-energy process and industrial automation products. Available 24-hours, 365 days a year, whether for emergency, short-term or long-term use Ecolutia Services

can solve a range of critical water issues, ranging from overcoming water scarcity, avoiding plant shut downs through to total water provision.

The management team of Ecolutia Services collectively have over 100 years of industry experience, including senior leadership roles in well known industry organisations. A number of the team are pioneers of innovations brought to the market over the last 20 years and have deep domain knowledge and understanding to develop products to solve the world's water needs for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The team share a clear vision to develop innovative technologies, provide greater customer focus and expand the mobile water treatment sector through wider choice and more environmentally friendly solutions.

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