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PRESS RELEASE

CREATION OF AQUAFED, THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PRIVATE WATER OPERATORS

27 October 2005 - the creation of **AquaFed, the International Federation of Private Water Operators**, is announced today in Brussels.

AquaFed is a not-for-profit federation representing the private operators of water and sanitation services. Membership is made up of individual companies and their respective national associations.

Aquafed is open to all company sizes and nationalities and brings together over 200 water services companies from 38 countries.

Answering a need

Concerns about water are growing worldwide and water issues have to be addressed more frequently at the international level. Private water companies are at the forefront in answering water challenges that include social, managerial and technical aspects.

However, international institutions have lacked a vehicle for interaction with the private water professionals and access to such best practice. Aquafed aims to fill this gap by representing the private water/wastewater companies to international organisations.

“International is the place where people meet to discuss and develop local interests that are shared in different countries. AquaFed’s role is to connect international organisations to private practitioners in order to contribute to solving water challenges. Aquafed will support and enhance the efforts of companies themselves and their national associations”. said Gerard Payen, the president of AquaFed.

Missions

AquaFed intends to fulfil 3 missions:

- To provide a communication channel between private operators and key international actors
- To make a constructive contribution to solving world water challenges in partnership with others.
- To promote private sector participation in water and wastewater management

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AquaFed intends to make the field experience and management capabilities of private water service providers available to the international community by:

- fostering collaborative relationships with governments, institutions, donors, NGOs and other trade associations at international level
- consolidating, validating and providing information and data about the sector to increase understanding and transparency
- conducting educational programs, explaining and promoting the various ways that private water operators can perform their functions in support and partnership with local authorities and governments

AquaFed is specifically excluded from engaging in any commercial activity for or on behalf of any of its members, and cannot participate in any bidding process or other forms of commercial transaction.

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