

VEOLIA WATER EXTENDS CONTRACT WITH ELSTER FOR SUPPLY OF Q4000 ELECTROMAGNETIC METERS

Q4000 electromagnetic water meter delivers 10-year battery life and simple deployment

LUTON, England, August 18, 2010 — Elster announced today that it has been awarded a contract extension from Veolia Water for the supply of Q4000 battery-powered electromagnetic meters.

The Q4000 is ideal for utility applications including network monitoring and commercial billing. The Q4000 features bi-directional pulse communications that are fully compatible with the data logging and advanced meter reading equipment used by Veolia Water. Along with low head loss, high accuracy and a fully sealed IP68 construction, the Q4000 represents a leap forward in electronic water metering.

"We were very impressed by the Q4000's 10-year battery life and sheer simplicity to set up and use," said Ian Alexander, leakage verification manager for Veolia Water.

"By eliminating the need for regular visits to replace batteries, my team can now spend more time focusing on real value-creating activities such as reducing leakage and ensuring an effective distribution of water throughout the Veolia Water region. We are delighted to extend the existing contract with Elster for the supply of Q4000 electromagnetic meters for another two years," he added

According to Alexander, Veolia Water was particularly impressed with the Q4000's continuous 10-year battery life, which will significantly reduce its ongoing operating expenses. Veolia's previous choice of battery-powered flow meters required costly and time-consuming field visits for battery replacement.

"As water consumption has increased over recent years, demand has grown for water metering solutions capable of delivering consistently accurate measurement. In addition, organisations are under increasing commercial pressure to reduce life-cycle costs. The Q4000 has been specifically designed to meet these needs," said Perry Shead, marketing manager for Elster.

About Elster

Elster is one of the world's largest electricity, gas and water measurement and control providers. Our offerings include distribution monitoring and control, advanced smart metering, demand response, networking and software solutions, and numerous related communications and services – key components for enabling consumer choice, operational efficiency and conservation. Our products and solutions are widely used by utilities in the traditional and emerging Smart Grid markets.

Elster has one of the most extensive installed revenue measurement bases in the world, with more than 200 million metering devices deployed over the course of the last 10 years. It sells its products and services in more than 130 countries across electricity, gas, water and multi-utility applications for residential, commercial and industrial, and transmission and distribution applications.

Elster was acquired by funds advised by CVC Capital Partners in September 2005.

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About Elster Metering Limited

Elster Metering Limited is a world leader in providing innovative water metering solutions, including low flow and leakage detection applications. Elster Metering Limited manufactures water meters for utility, commercial and domestic use at its factories worldwide and offers a complete water metering portfolio including solutions for revenue metering, cost allocation, network monitoring, distribution and industrial applications.

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