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IMAD MAKHZOUMI ELECTED AS NEW PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL DESALINATION ASSOCIATION

New Vice Presidents Also Announced

DUBAI, UAE, Nov. 12, 2009 – The International Desalination Association announces that Imad Makhzoumi has been elected its new President for 2009-2011. In addition, Khoo Teng Chye has been named the new 1st Vice President and Michel Canet, 2nd Vice President, for the 2009-2011 term.

Mr. Makhzoumi is the Chief operating officer of Future Pipe Industries Group. During the past decade, Mr. Makhzoumi has participated in many international and regional committees responsible for the development for safe use of fiberglass non-corrosive pipe systems in high temperatures and pressures within desalination plants.

He has been an IDA member for more than 14 years and has served as a Director for the last eight years. Immediately prior to being elected President, he served as 2nd Vice President and was a member of the Organizing Committee for the IDA World Congress in Dubai as well as the Operations and Strategic Planning Committees. Previously, he was Chairman of the IDA Membership and Elections Committee.

Mr. Makhzoumi's educational background includes a Diploma from McGill University (Montreal, Canada), and a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering and Water Resources Management from the University of Southern California (Los Angeles).

"My vision is to enhance the regional and international recognition of IDA's important role in desalination technology and water reuse. I would like to use this term to continue to promote interaction, knowledge and the sharing of best practices between IDA members in order to further develop our industry," he said.

Mr. Khoo Teng Chye has been the Chief Executive and a Board Member of the Public Utilities Board (PUB) in Singapore since December 2003. As Chief Executive, he has led PUB to embark on major corporate changes and has promoted Singapore's extensive water management programs and water-related educational initiatives. As an IDA Director during the 2007-2009 term, he served as Chairman of IDA's Foundation/Fellowship Committee and was a member of the Operations and Strategic Planning Committees.

Michel Canet is Executive Vice-President of Major Projects Group within Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies, a subsidiary of Veolia Water. He has been directly involved in the development of large desalination projects and water reuse projects in Australia, Middle East and Asia. He served as 1st Vice President for IDA from 2007-2009 and served on the Operations and Strategic Planning Committees. As a member of IDA, he also co-chaired a session in the IDA World Congress 2005 in Singapore.

The International Desalination Association (www.idadesal.org) is a non-profit association of over 2,200 members in 60 countries. The membership is comprised of scientists, end-users, engineers, consultants and researchers from governments, corporations and academia. IDA is associated with the United Nations as part of a growing international network of non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

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