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BESIN-UEN Consortium to build second NEWater Plant at Changi

Singapore, 18 September 2014 - PUB, the national water agency, has selected BESIN-UEN Consortium as the Preferred Bidder for the second NEWater Plant at Changi. As the Preferred Bidder, BESIN-UEN Consortium, led by BEWG International Pte Ltd and UE NEWater Pte Ltd will form a concession company to enter into a NEWater Agreement (NWA) with PUB by Oct 2014. The NWA will take full effect once all agreements have been finalised and executed, and the concession company achieves financial close.

The plant is expected to commence operations in 2016 and will add another 50 million gallons (mgd) or 228,000 cubic metres of NEWater per day to the nation's water supply.

The open tender attracted seven bids from both local and international companies with good track records in the water business. Similar to the first NEWater Plant at Changi, the second plant will be constructed under a Design, Build, Own and Operate (DBOO) arrangement and utilise the same proven NEWater technology and process pioneered by PUB. At a first-year price of \$0.276 per cubic metre, the BESIN-UEN Consortium offers the most competitive tariff for the supply of NEWater over a 25-year period from 2016 to 2041.

"As the pillar of Singapore's water supply, NEWater has demonstrated its value in strengthening water supply resilience, especially against weather extremities like dry spells and droughts. With the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) approach, this second NEWater plant at Changi will help us expand our water supply system to meet the growing demand in a reliable and cost-efficient manner," said Mr Young Joo Chye, Director (Best Sourcing), PUB.

The second NEWater Plant at Changi is PUB's fifth DBOO project between PUB and the private sector, the first four being the 30 mgd SingSpring desalination plant, the 32 mgd Keppel-Seghers Ulu Pandan NEWater Plant, the 50 mgd SembCorp Changi NEWater Plant and more recently, the 70mgd Tuaspring Desalination Plant.

NEWater is one of PUB's Four National Taps, a long term water supply strategy to ensure a robust and sustainable supply of water for Singapore. The other three sources are water from local catchments, imported water from Johor and desalinated water. NEWater currently meets 30% of Singapore's water demand, and this is set to increase up to 55% in the longer term.

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About PUB's tagline: Water for All: Conserve, Value, Enjoy

PUB has ensured a diversified and sustainable supply of water for Singapore with the Four National Taps (local catchment water, imported water, NEWater, desalinated water).

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