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BESIX IS AWARDED THE DESALINATION PROJECT AT JEBEL ALI POWER STATION

Dubai, UAE, 10 March, 2018: Dubai Electricity & Water Authority (DEWA) has awarded BESIX, in a joint venture with Acciona Agua (Spain), the contract to construct the Sea Water Reverse Osmosis (SWRO) Plant at Jebel Ali Power Station in Dubai.

BESIX and Acciona Agua (Spain) formed a 50/50 integrated joint venture to complete the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract. BESIX will execute the necessary marine, civil, and mechanical and electrical works to deliver a fully operational production plant, while Acciona Agua, who was named 'Water Company of the Year 2017' at the Global Water Intelligence Awards, is a leader in the water treatment sector.

The facility which is due to be operational by May 2020, will have a capacity of 182.000 m³/day, or 40 million imperial gallons a day (MIGD). BESIX will rely on its experience of facing strict deadlines as the time to completion is a total of just 28 months.

"The new desalination project, is the first for DEWA in terms of using reverse osmosis (RO) technology and reaffirms BESIX as a partner of choice for the sustainable development ambitions of the UAE, especially in light of the recent contract for a thermal waste recycling plant awarded to BESIX by Dubai Municipality," explains Pierre Sironval, General Manager of BESIX Middle East.

"The plant is also located on a compact area within the perimeter of the existing Power and Desalination Station in Jebel Ali, so we have developed a detailed construction methodology to face this challenge."

As our first desalination contract in an integrated joint venture, the SWRO counts as a milestone for our company. We are honoured to be able to deliver another desalination plant which will help Dubai to improve its sustainability, and as a company well-known for delivering challenging projects in the UAE, it is a new step for us in our strategy of diversification," added Sironval.

The new SWRO plant adds to the BESIX Group's impressive list of references in the region, following the Jebel Ali water treatment plant (Dubai, UAE), the Hamriyah power and desalination plant (Sharjah, UAE), the SAFI water station (Ajman UAE) and the very recent thermal waste recycling plant (Dubai, UAE).

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