



## News Release

### **Biwater awarded contract for new wastewater treatment facility in Tarfaya, Southern Morocco**

**Surrey, UK – 27 July 2020:** Biwater have been awarded a turn-key contract by the Office National de l'Electricité et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE) to design and construct a new wastewater treatment plant in the coastal town of Tarfaya in Southern Morocco.

The design and construction contract is already underway with earthworks in progress. Biwater's team are providing a fast-track construction programme to reduce the ecological impact of raw sewage along the coast.

Yassine Laib, Biwater's Country Manager for Morocco, said, "This project is part of the country's efforts to clean the coast of Tarfaya and protect the environment from the effects of wastewater discharged. The project will use treatment processes to meet the people's need for wastewater treatment in this region."

The new facility will provide pre-treatment, biological treatment and advanced tertiary treatment, including ultraviolet disinfection and sludge dewatering. The drying beds will be designed to reduce the sewage sludge to dry solids content, which will be safely transferred off site for its disposal.

Following construction, Biwater will provide 12 months of operational assistance and maintenance to the local workforce.

Mr. Laib added, "After the successful commissioning of similar projects in Tamuda Bay, Khenifra, Aourir and Boukhalef, we are proud to continue our long-standing work to improve sanitation conditions for all across Morocco. Biwater therefore looks forward to delivering another turn-key solution that will serve the residents of Tarfaya and support the clean-up of its coastline."

Under a separate contract with ONEE, Biwater are currently constructing Laâyoune's main wastewater treatment plant, which is nearing completion. This facility will include a solar sludge drying greenhouse that will sustainably dry the effluent sludge produced as a byproduct from the wastewater treatment plant.

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**Photos:**



*Caption: Tarfaya Wastewater Treatment Plant earthworks*



*Caption: Concrete works in progress*

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**About Biwater:**

Biwater provides large-scale water and wastewater solutions for clients across the world. Since its inception in 1968, Biwater have gained recognition for innovative approaches aimed at overcoming the world's most pressing water-related challenges. Throughout its history, the company has grown to meet the demands of many water-stressed countries and their burgeoning populations. It has a successful record of accomplishment, having completed over 25,000 projects in over 90 countries – financing, consulting, process engineering, designing, constructing, operating, maintaining and owning water facilities – in both rural and urban environments.

**Africa:**

Biwater, through its Group and acquired companies, have been involved in over 300 water infrastructure and construction projects within the African continent over a period of 80 years, with the first regional project being recorded in Egypt in 1932. Since this time, Biwater have been bringing the benefits of water infrastructure solutions and project finance to countries right across Africa, gaining an unparalleled track record.

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