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**Highlights**

- **Cost leadership** - sets a new benchmark for low cost of desalinated water
- **Technological leadership** - first use of IDE’s proprietary Pressure Center Design, Triple Line Intake, ERS (Energy Recovery System) and a unique, patented Boron Removal System for increased efficiency and significantly reduced water costs
- **Global recognition** - won GWI’s “Desalination Plant of The Year” award in 2006
“The world’s largest SWRO desalination facility that raises the ambition of the whole RO sector...achieved one of the lowest prices for desalinated water in the world...the project’s achievements may take many years to match...”

(Global Water Intelligence Magazine, January 2006)

Overview

- **Capacity**: 396,000 m³/day
- **Technology**: Reverse Osmosis (RO)
- **Project Type**: Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT)
- **Location**: Ashkelon, Israel
- **Footprint**: 70,000 m² (350m x 200m)
- **Commission Date**: 2005

About IDE

IDE is a world leader in water treatment solutions. We specialize in the development, engineering, construction and operation of some of the world’s largest and most advanced thermal and membrane desalination and industrial water treatment plants. IDE partners with a wide range of customers - municipalities, oil & gas, mining, refineries and power stations - on all aspects of water projects, and delivers approximately 3 million m³/day of high quality water worldwide. IDE listens first and then brings technological leadership, proven reliability and consistent delivery to all our customers. Our highly experienced and dedicated team knows that strong partnerships lead to success and growth.