

Tyco Waterworks Evolution

Tyco Waterworks in the UK and Europe has brought together some of the most well known and respected names in the global water industry over the past ten years, amongst them, Atplas, EbcO, Talbot, UPE, Bayard, Erhard, Belgicast, Frischhut, Iprosa, all of which were acquired during the mid 90's & early 2000.

Many of these companies and Brands were highly successful in their own right; however, the Tyco organisation brought investment which those companies individually could not have afforded. As a result, facilities around Europe have been consolidated and improved. Product ranges have been extended with R&D investment, and sales penetration has increased into new geographic markets, such as Russia, Middle East and Asia, as well as locally. Tyco Waterworks is now a market leader in Europe in the manufacture and supply of valves and fittings for the international water, gas and municipal industries.

Jan Van Ooijen, appointed President of Tyco Waterworks EMEA in 2007, says "Tyco Waterworks has gone through significant changes following the acquisitions of these major Brands. With the enhanced support from the Tyco Group, we will continue to make investments in R&D and improvements to operations and services to ensure we can meet the needs of our water industry customers, both now and in the long term".

The evolution of Tyco Waterworks in the UK

has been equally dramatic. The organisation moved into brand new offices in Hams Hall near Birmingham in late 2006 after closing its head office in London. The new premises are purpose built and offer extensive distribution as well as housing its Customer Services, Finance, and Marketing departments. The latest consolidation involved the re-location of Erhard UK from its facility in Nuneaton Warwickshire, to the head office in Hams Hall.

A massive programme of consolidating Tyco Waterworks' manufacturing facilities in the UK is also nearing completion. The facility in Bridgend, South Wales, is now the Manufacturing Centre of Excellence for meterboxes, plastic injection moulding and gunmetal products. Having all its manufacturing under one roof brings obvious benefits in efficiency, while positively impacting its carbon footprint through a reduction in the company's overall energy consumption and transport.

Tyco Waterworks is now entering a new phase in its evolution. "We are now operating from two

key sites – the head office in Hams Hall, and the manufacturing facility in Bridgend" explained Damian Mackey, MD of Tyco Waterworks UK, "and we are focussing on our new product developments, customer service, and improvements in efficiency across the business." Damian adds, "Our US parent organisation, Tyco Flow Control, is financially strong, which is important in the current turbulent economic market with volatility in raw material costs, energy costs, demand and exchange rates. We are confident that all our initiatives we've been undertaking and continue to pursue, means Tyco Waterworks is well positioned to weather the current tough climate."

Despite the uncertain times, Tyco Waterworks is set to continue its remarkable evolution into a key player in the supply of valves and fittings for the water industry. Tyco Waterworks is also delighted to continue its long standing sponsorship of the IWO National Drilling & Tapping Competition being held during the Sustainability Live exhibitions in May, and wish all the competitors good luck for the event.

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