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## Frost & Sullivan Commends APATEQ's Pioneering Integrated Membrane System for the European Advanced Filtration Technology Market







-- The technology's fine balance of parameters allows it to effectively handle the fluctuations in the characteristics and qualities of

LONDON, Sept. 15, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Based on its recent analysis of the advanced filtration technology market, Frost & Sullivan is proud to present APATEQ with the 2014 European Technology Innovation Leadership Award.

The wastewater treatment market is dominated by contaminant removal systems that are largely dependent on chemicals or enormous amounts of energy and APATEQ's novel integrated membrane system presents a breaking new ground in water filtration. The technology is in line with the three Mega Trends of Innovating to Zero, Smart is the New Green, and Future

Traditional membrane technologies often prove inadequate for produced water treatment due to their shortcomings of clogging and high operating costs. The complex nature of produced water, which often contains high levels of free or emulsified hydrocarbons and supersaturated with dissolved solids and suspended solids, clogs membranes as well as creates a need for integration of pre-treatment units

Therefore, conventional systems not only raise costs if not optimally chosen, but also compel the intensive use of chemicals and energy. Furthermore, the treatment of leachate generated at the landfill, industrial wastewater or water produced during oil and gas drilling is usually taken offsite, which necessitates safe handling procedures and additional storage and transportation costs.

APATEQ's unique treatment system is an answer to all these challenges. Its special anti-clogging and anti-fouling properties prevent membrane clogging. APATEQ's 'OilPaq' system employs a proprietary pre-treatment prior to its oil-repellent hydrophilic membrane filtration, helping lower the operating cost of treatment to approximately one-eighth of conventional oil water separation systems. In addition, APATEQ's technology for produced water eliminates the need for extra chemicals.

"APATEQ's 'PrePaq' used for primary treatment of industrial effluent separates up to 99 percent of suspended solids from various industrial wastewaters," said Frost & Sullivan Research Analyst Lekshmy Ravi. "Like the effluent from APATEQ's oil waterseparation system 'OilPaq', that can be used for re-injection into the borehole or the fracturing process, the treated industrial water can be reused in industrial processes and agriculture, when required after additional treatment that is also provided by APATEQ."

APATEQ's integrated system uses a graphic user interface, which facilitates system automation as well as remote monitoring and control. With mobile treatment units likely to be a fixture in the future, this technology has the potential to be part of the Future Infrastructure Development Mega Trend, as it is available as stationary plants or mobile, containerized systems

APATEQ's membrane technology can be used in many diverse applications, and its small footprint and mobility makes it suitable for any location. It is especially ideal for produced water treatment in oil and gas production and exploration, as space is a constraint in offshore oil and gas platforms.

"APATEQ aspires to be a comprehensive provider of water and wastewater treatment solutions and strives to provide maximum efficiency by offering simple treatment at low investments," noted Lekshmy Ravi. "It currently addresses the European, US and Canadian markets and intends to expand to the Middle East, South America and Asia in the domains of produced water, industrial effluent treatment and leachate treatment.'

Each year, Frost & Sullivan presents this award to the company that has developed an innovative element in a product by leverage leading-edge technologies. The award recognizes the value added features/benefits of the product and the increased ROI it offers customers, which in turn increases customer acquisition and overall market penetration potential

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APATEQ - PWT S.A. develops and manufactures turn-key, custom designed oil-water separation systems for oilfield operators,  $compact\ was tewater\ treatment\ plants\ for\ demanding\ applications,\ ultrafiltration\ /\ reverse\ osmosis\ (RO)\ systems\ for\ industrial$ wastewater and advanced, low energy and chemicals free pre-treatment systems. Our technical team gathers members with decades of experience in water treatment and global product industrialization and commercialization

For more information, visit http://www.apateq.com

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