



EDITORIAL

Water is a high quality task – that's the border line of our businesses. Know how, efficiency and partnership are the prerequisite our partners are expecting. We are covering the CEE countries by a network of companies and experts. The first WATERPAGE will give you a brief overview about the positive development of Energie AG Wasser and the advantages our partners gain in cooperating with us.

Yours Christian Hasenleithner, General Manager Energie AG Wasser

NEWS

WATERDROPS

Linz, March 2008

Each year millions of children are dying due to the lack of water or by polluted water. The Austrian branch of Energie AG Wasser and Caritas started the program WATER-DROPS to support water projects in the Democratic Republic of Kongo. 1 € for every 1.000 m³ of drinking water delivered by the company is donated for the refurbishment of wells in the region of Kilwa-Kasenga.

Christa Pühringer,
Head of Waterdrops



VAK JČ – the World Water Day!

České Budějovice, March 2008

On the occasion of the World Water Day on the March 22nd 2008, the South Bohemian company VAK JČ, in cooperation with regional media, organized the contest "Win Drinking Water".

The aim of the event was to inform consumers about the quality of drinking water and about risks that are related with the use of drinking water from home wells.



Water means QUALITY

Linz, August 2008

Water management is a high quality business and therefore needs high security and environmental standards. Since 2008 Energie AG Wasser is the first water supplier with a full scale ISO-certified quality- (9001), environmental- (14.001) and security-management (18.001) system for the branches in Austria, Slovakia, Hungary and the Czech Republic.



Water HEADLINES

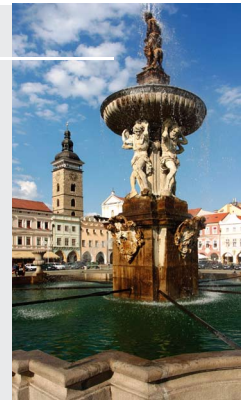
Welcome 1.JVS a.s.



In August, Energie AG Wasser finalized its greatest ever single acquisition by the take-over of the company 1. JVS a.s., so far a Veolia Voda Cz company. Thus 1. JVS a.s. is the fifth operating company of Energie AG Wasser in the Czech Republic and operates the water infrastructure of almost 100 municipalities in Southern and Western Bohemia including České Budějovice. 38 wells- and treatment plants, about 2.400 km water pipes and sewers as well as 69 waste water treatment plants are operated. 1.JVS supplies almost 220 000 inhabitants with 11 Mio. m³ drinking water and cleans approx. 15 Mio. m³ of waste water. 330 employees gain a turnover of approx. 31 Mio. EUR. Since 2004, Energie AG is a private operator on the Czech market and claims the third position behind the French market leader Veolia and Ondeo. Especially for South Bohemia is this a significant

step, as the on-site operating company VAK JČ, also a subsidiary of Energie AG Wasser, already supplies 330.000 inhabitants. It's a win-win situation for both companies and far-reaching synergies are expected.

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Water Management is our Job

Welcome Miskolc

Energie AG Wasser founds the first joint-venture in Hungary with the city of Miskolc.

Miskolc, a city with a population of 175,000 in eastern Hungary, operates a water network with the length of 650 km, a sewage network with 470 km and a sewage plant with a capacity of 70,000 m³ a day. The operator is the municipal Miviz Kft. with a staff of 500. Modernizing the infrastructure in Miskolc is a great challenge for Miviz and Miskolc.

Therefore talks have been launched with Energie AG Wasser on joining the international water know-how of the group. The present result is founding the joint-venture company Energie AG Miskolc Vizgazdalkodási és Környezetvédelmi Kft. (Energie AG Miskolc for water management and environmental protection).

The tasks for the joint company are establishing consultancy competences for the preparation and realization of investments, modernizing the management of the plant in Miskolc

and the development of services for water supply and waste water liquidation. Further issues with priority are lowering water losses and develop sewer services.

A cooperation is planned with the local technical university in water research projects. Energie AG Miskolc will provide its services in the entire region of eastern Hungary and border regions of Romania and Slovakia.



A document of cooperation was signed within the festive act, in the presence of the mayor of the town, Dr. Sándor Káli.

From left to right: Mr. Vojtilla (Miviz), Dr. Halmi (Miskolc Holding), Mayor Dr. Káli, Dr. Wiedemann, Dr. Neiß and Dipl.-Ing. Hasenleithner (Energie AG Wasser) with the foundation document.

Water Utility

Energie AG Wasser is the holding company of Energie AG Group for the water business.

The activities of the group are focused on the fields of drinking water supply, waste water treatment, water related services, consulting

and financing. The company is implementing of the growth strategy in the target markets of Austria, the Czech Republic, southern Germany, CEE and coordinates the modernization and development of its subsidiaries. Energie AG Wasser offers a wide range of services, contracts and models such as concessions, long-term operational contracts, water and sewer services, BOT and PPP. Energie AG is an Austrian shareholding company

with 51% in public ownership. The subsidiaries of the group are WDL GmbH in Austria, the operating companies VAK JČ, 1.JVS, VODOS Kolín and VS Chrudim and the asset company VAK Beroun, all in the Czech Republic. Energie AG Miskolc in Hungary is offering water and waste water related services.

Turnover (mil. EUR)	100
Employees	1.480
Inhabitants supplied with water	933.000
Waste water	626.000

Waste Water

Technology highlight: Sewer services

Sewer service in a proper form is core-business of the Energie AG Wasser companies.

Billions of values in the underground have to be inspected and maintained accordingly – for the protection of our environment.

Our companies take care of more than 5.000 km of sewers, several 10.000 of shafts and customer connections.

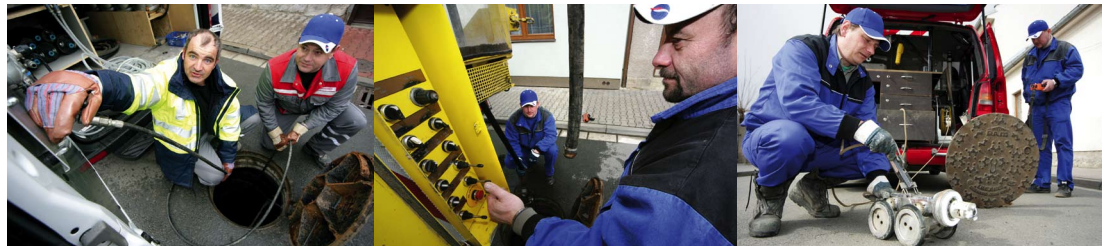
Each sewer is constructed for a life cycle of up to 80 years. To achieve this, a high quality of the construction work, regular maintenance and inspections are the basis. If these targets are not reached, the expected life span will be shortened and the costs of rehabilitation and investments for renewal will increase.

What is the benefit of inspections for the infrastructure owner?

Damages and problems can be identified in time; therefore a cost efficient and early repair is possible. Kind of materials, diameter, blind shaft, blind connection, etc. are documented. Especially for old sewers this is important. Via transmitter in the camera

the electronic measurements of crack widths and deformations carried out via sewer TV. Recurring measurements provide data of the development of the sewer conditions – out of this the (economic) ideal term for reconstruction can be specified. Target of our activities is to conserve the lifetime of the sewer system and to ensure the quality of the operation. For this reason modern equipment and regular trainings

leader for sewer service. 18 sewer TV- and tightness-test-vehicles are operating there. Testing measurements to secure the tightness of the water supply system have been developed recently. Sewer service is becoming an important factor for quality control in the Czech Republic and Hungary too.



head the position of the sewer and the longitudinal gradient is measured. These data are the basis for the GIS system. The rehabilitation concept arises out of

for employees are implemented. The newest development is the direct link between the GIS-system and sewer TV-and tightness-test-vehicle. In Austria WDL is market

Thus, numerous special-purpose vehicles are in use, which enable us to provide our services.

The Classic Cuban MOJITO

The Mojito (pronounced: moe-hee-toe) is a classic Cuban cocktail most closely tied to Cuba's famous La Bodeguita del Medio bar.

The first noticeable addition is mint. This provides a refreshing spark to the drink. The use of mint provides a cooling sensation on the tongue and lips when drinking, this is part of what makes it an exceptionally refreshing drink. Secondly, the rum gives the drink a little kick and balances out the drink. The limes provide the thirst quenching sourness that so many people crave in the heat. If possible, use key limes (mexican limes) for this drink as they provide a crisp flavour. Also a good white rum, like Havana Club (3

Year Old) will give the drink a more authentic flavour, but any white rum will do. Using simple syrup will help make your mojito's better, since granular sugar doesn't dissolve to well in cold liquids. Gritty mojito's aren't very appetizing.

When preparing your Mojito, gently muddle the mint leaves with the simple syrup and lime juice. You don't want shredded leaves floating around in the drink. It doesn't make for good presentation and you just need to bruise the leaves to release the essential oils. After muddling pack lots of ice over the mint leaves to keep them from floating around. Add your rum and then top off with the soda water.

Some recipes call for bitters, but a genuine Cuban mojito does not contain bitters.



INGREDIENTS

- 2 ounces Cuban Rum
- 1 ounce Lime Juice
- ½ ounce Sugar Syrup
- 8 Mint Leaves
- Top Water

