



## News Release

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### **EPS expand in the UK by acquiring Conder Environmental Solutions**

EPS Pumping & Treatment Systems (EPS), the innovative Irish Water and Wastewater Treatment Firm has acquired the business activities of Conder Environmental Solutions (CES) from UK based Conder Environmental Plc. With this acquisition, EPS, who have already experienced enormous success in Ireland, will be reinforcing their expertise and experience in the UK market.

CES has extensive manufacturing and sales located at Peterlee in Durham & a Southern Regional Support Office at Farnborough in Hampshire, CES now form part of the EPS group of companies who have a proven track record in the Design, Manufacture, Installation, Commissioning and operation of Water and Wastewater Treatment and Pumping Solutions will now be able to extend its range of services and offerings to the Water Utility Market, to Industrial and Commercial end users.

CES's business is focused on three specialist divisions, Conder Products, Conder Technical Solutions and Conder Pumping Solutions – all of which complement EPS's existing offering. The combination of both will offer world class solutions for temporary or permanent water & wastewater treatment and pumping needs as well as lease hire options for intermediate solutions such as Conventional Activated Sludge (CAS), Submerged Aerated Filters (SAF), Dissolved Air Floatation (DAF) and Surface Aeration Upgrades and Tertiary Treatment options.

#### **Tom Ruddy, MD CES, comments.**

"The successful integration of CES into the EPS group is another milestone for Both Companies. We have known each other for a good number of years and really like the Conder Brand, Quality and Product Range. It fits well with the EPS ethos "Quality Concept" and should fit seamlessly into our group. We are impressed with the Calibre and Commitment of the CES Management Team and Employees and welcome them into the EPS Group.

**Patrick Buckley, Manager, EPS Bison, comments:** “We’re delighted with this acquisition. Conder Environmental Solutions is a recognised brand that has extensive experience in GRP manufacture. From its base, which is one of Europe’s largest automated GRP facilities, to its strong capability in the design, manufacture and supply of Package Treatment Solutions. This move will allow us to expand our operations and bring our combined expertise to the UK market.”

**David Cox, General Manager CES** , said “ The Conder Team is very focused on continuously striving to provide our customers with a comprehensive range of excellent products and solutions backed by market leading levels of technical support, service and quality. We therefore take great pride in the fact that this relationship started with EPS being one of Conder’s key customers. There are obvious significant synergies and opportunities for collaboration between Conder and EPS. We are already working on new product developments and opportunities in new sectors of water and wastewater. We have a very exciting future ahead of us as part of the EPS Group and look forward to the challenge.

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#### **About EPS Pumping & Treatment Systems.**

E.P.S. was established in 1972 and is now Ireland’s largest Company supplying and installing pumping and Treatment Systems. It is a privately owned Irish Company, its head office is located in Mallow, Co Cork and has branches in Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo, Mountrath, Co. Laois, Naas, Co. Kildare.

The Company employs approx 250 people. It has its own design team of process and chemical engineers, its own 6000m<sup>2</sup> head office and workshop with full manufacturing facilities to build sophisticated plant and equipment and has and has an operational network throughout the country installing, commissioning and maintaining plants on behalf of our valued clients.

The company has four specialist divisions:

**Municipal and Industrial Water and Wastewater** – Design build project management and commissioning.

**Pump Division** -- for the industrial, domestic and agricultural markets and it has a notable reputation for reliability and dependability in the supply of pumps and pumping solutions.

**Bison Division**-- with the specific purpose in the design, supply, installation, commissioning, operation and servicing of packaged treatment solutions.

**Operation and Maintenance** – ongoing management of pumping and treatment plants on behalf of clients with options of short term or up to 20 yr contracts.

<http://www.epsireland.com/index.htm>

## **About Conder Environmental Solutions Ltd (CES)**

Located in Peterlee, Conder Environmental Solutions, has been providing, Water and Wastewater, Pumping, Storage, Separation and Treatment Solutions for over 40 years.

The Company has a well regarded and recognised brand coupled with extensive experience in GRP manufacture from Europe's largest automated GRP production facility based at Peterlee.

The business is focused on three specialist divisions, Conder Products, Conder Technical Solutions and Conder Pumping Solutions.

Conder Environmental Solutions continues to have a strong capability in the design, manufacture and supply of Package Treatment Solutions.

### **Conder Products**

Our specialist commodity division offers a portfolio of products ranging from Oil Separators, Sewage Treatment Plants, Pumping Stations, Rainwater Harvesting and Attenuation/Storage Surface Water Systems.

Our Clereflo range of domestic sewage treatment plants serves 6-50 population equivalents, utilising either Activated Sludge Plant (ASP) and Submerged Aerated Filter (SAF) Technology.

Highly price competitive, with minimal running costs, the Clereflo range is the low energy solution for applications where access to mains drainage is not available.

### **Conder Technical Solutions**

This specialised division provides solutions which extend across a range of products including our SAF Technology Unitank and Modular Sewage Treatment System's up to 2,000 PE and Membrane Bio Reactor Sewage Treatment Systems up to 5,000 PE.

The Division also provides turnkey design solutions for alternative and specialist above/below ground engineered vessels.

Our technical solutions team comprises of a dynamic group of experienced designers, process, sales and manufacturing engineers.

Our team provides a full service including initial design, site appraisal, assistance at initial design stage, through to the planning phase and to eventual project delivery.

### **Conder Pumping Solutions**

With our Pumping Solutions Team we offer a wide range of Water and Wastewater Pumping Solutions for the Domestic, Commercial and Industrial Applications from off the shelf-packages, through to Custom-Built Pumping Solutions.

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