

Press Release

Royal recognition for Sembcorp Bournemouth Water

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Roger Harrington, SBW Managing Director, and Hazel Taylor, SBW's Community Liaison Manager and WaterAid Representative, receive the certificate from WaterAid's Chair, Jeremy Pelczer.

Sembcorp Bournemouth Water (SBW) has received royal recognition for its support of international charity WaterAid over the last 30 years.

The company, which supplies drinking water to approximately half a million people in parts of Dorset, Hampshire and Wiltshire, joined other water firms from across the UK, to be awarded WaterAid's highest honour, The President's Award, at the charity's Annual Supporters Meeting in London.

Water UK, which represents the UK water industry, was presented with a certificate personally signed by WaterAid's President, HRH The Prince of Wales.

WaterAid works to improve access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene in some of the world's poorest communities.

Established with the support of UK water companies in 1981 with projects in Zambia and Sierra Leone, WaterAid now works in 26 countries across Africa, Asia and the Pacific Region, improving access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

Around the world 884 million people do not have safe water and 2.6 billion live without adequate sanitation, causing preventable diseases which kill 4000 children every day.

The ongoing support of SBW staff and customers has helped WaterAid reach nearly 16 million people with safe water over the past 30 years and, since 2004, 11 million with sanitation.

Roger Harrington, SBW's Managing Director, said: "We're thrilled to receive this recognition from WaterAid and we are extremely proud of the fundraising achievements of our staff and customers over the past three decades."

Dave Hillyard, Head of Major Partnerships at WaterAid said: "We'd like to thank everyone at Sembcorp Bournemouth Water for their extraordinary support for WaterAid over the past 30 years, which has been invaluable in raising both awareness and vital funds for our work."

"Over this time period, the water companies, their staff and their customers have helped raise over £115 million for WaterAid's work. It costs just £15 to transform someone's life with safe water, sanitation and hygiene, so every penny has helped us make a real difference in some of the world's poorest communities."

"Although a great deal has been achieved, there is much work to be done – 1.4 million children still die every year from preventable diseases like diarrhoea. With the help of supporters like Sembcorp Bournemouth Water we will continue to work to change this wherever we can."

Find out how you can support WaterAid's work at www.wateraid.org