EXHIBIT # 6

Water Purification and Effluents/Sludge Treatment in Western Europe

Trends

- High growth of water recycling methods (recirculation).
- Third purification stage (nitrate/phosphate precipitation).
- Increased need for water treatment chemicals.
- Growing demand for measurement, process control and analysis technology (expert systems, Artificial Intelligence).
- Rise in engineering and consulting services.
- Seepage water treatment.
- Sludge treatment and recycling (especially industrial sludges).
- Water conservation systems.

Opportunities

- Growing need for ultrapure water in the electronics and pharmaceuticals industries.
- Increasing contamination of drinking water.
- More stringent legislation (lowering of max. permissible concentrations, higher effluents discharge fees).
- An increase in the quantities of sludge.
- Large need for investment for sanitation of sewage pipes and water supply mains.
- Rising investments in industrial water/effluents treatment.

Risks

- Lack of financial means.
- Fierce competition, especially for low-tech methods.
- Lack of enforcement of pertinent laws (e.g. non-observance of Common Market guidelines).
- Inadequate measuring stations (mobile), especially for the surveillance of industrial discharges.