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Solar-Driven Water Treatment



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# **Solar-driven Water Treatment – Experiences in India**

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## Who we are

- Manufacturer of solar driven water treatment systems
- Solar driven water purification and desalination systems installed in over 15 countries worldwide
- Pioneer in Membrane Distillation technology in close cooperation with Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems, ISE
- Selected landmark 2012 - innovations contest "Land of Ideas"  
1. Prize "environmental technology award 2013" Baden-Württemberg



## What we do

- Development of complete systems:
  - solar driven
  - energy-self-sufficient
  - capable for stand-alone operation  
(low maintenance, no chemical additives)
- Desalination technology
  - Reverse Osmosis (RO)
  - Membrane Distillation (MD)
  - MD-Module development and production
- Water purification and water disinfection technology
  - Ultrafiltration (UF)
  - Ultraviolet (UV) light - Disinfection
  - system-internal chlorine production by anodic oxidation (AO) - Disinfection



## Applications, market & customers

- Stand-alone solutions / Decentralized water supply in remote areas
- Remote villages, individual water home systems, hotels, resorts, schools and other institutions
- Processwater and high purity water
- Industrial wastewater treatment through Membrane Distillation  
(Separation/concentration of volatile components)



## Our systems

### Solar desalination systems

- SolarRO desalination
- SolarMD desalination



### Solar water treatment systems

- SolarUF purification (Ultrafiltration)
- SolarUV disinfection (Ultraviolet)
- SolarAO disinfection (Anodic Oxidation)



## Experiences in India

### The Hope Project, New Delhi, India

- Installation site: school and community health centre
- Plant installed on the roof of the building
- supplies 7.000 litres per day of safe and pure drinking water
- includes a SolarAO Disinfection system for safe distribution of drinking water



## Experiences in India

### Safeguarding **W**ater Resources in **I**ndia with **G**reen and **S**ustainable Technologies



- Project 2012-2015
- 10 European and **10** Indian Partners (R&D, companies, SME, NGO and local body organisations)
- SWINGS project aims at generating **optimized municipal wastewater treatment** concepts by **combining “green” and sustainable technologies** for enhancing water recycling and reuse, decreasing energy demand **and utilising beneficial by-products** from the process as a secondary resource.
- <http://www.swingsproject.eu/>





## Experiences in India

### Safeguarding **W**ater Resources in **I**ndia with **G**reen and **S**ustainable Technologies



- The final outcome of the project will be to **provide treated WasteWater** as nutrient and soil enrichment resource, as **irrigation water**, as aquaculture farm feed and even produce **safe drinking water**.
- Technologies: Anaerobic Digestion, constructed wetlands, **solar disinfections systems based on UV** and Anodic disinfection)



## Experiences in India

### Smart, Cost-effective Solutions for Water Treatment and Monitoring in Small Communities in India – **Water4India**

- Project 2012-2016
- 11 European and Indian Partners
- Optimization and implementation of a set of technological alternatives for water supply in India
- Technology: **Solar-driven Ultrafiltration system**
- Implementation focus on eastern part of India
- <http://www.water4india.eu/>



## Experiences in India

Little Big World e.V.

Decentralized solar driven drinking water supply in India

Village: Haranmal, District Padra, Gujarat,

User: ca. 2.000 Menschen, 50% < 20 Jahre

Current situation: well-water not potable,  
children daily collect water from  
neighboring villages (2 miles walking distance)



## Experiences in India

### Little Big World e.V.

Local disease: Cholera, Typhus, Shigellose, Hepatitis A and other gastrointestinal disease

Technology: Solar-driven Ultrafiltration system

Capacity: 5.000 liter per day



## Experiences in India

### Learned Lessons

- High demand for decentralized water treatment applications
- Very high price sensitivity, but appreciation of quality “Made in Germany” increases
- Relatively high bureaucratic/administrative efforts until implementation
- Need for reliable & professional local partner(s)
  - => administrative work
  - => shipping/custom support
  - => support during implementation & commissioning
  - => service & maintenance
  - => reliable & regular water analysis (...if not integrated and monitored)
- Need for direct integration of user during planning and financing enhance acceptance and appreciation (valuation) of system which leads to better care of proper functionality

# Thank you for your attention !



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