

PRESS RELEASE

Voltea raises €4.5 million financing from investors

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Voltea is pleased to announce that it has completed a €4.5m funding round to support the commercial roll-out of its Capacitive Deionization (CapDI) technology. The funding came from its existing shareholders, Pentair Inc, Rabo Ventures and Unilever Ventures as well as from the management team.

The funding will be used for a number of activities including the commercialization of two products, for cooling systems and for residential water softening, as well as increasing the production capacity at the facility in Sassenheim in the Netherlands.

Cooling systems product

Voltea's award-winning desalination technology, CapDI (Capacitive deionization), is a simple and innovative way to remove dissolved salts from water with a high recovery rate and low energy consumption. CapDI CT systems have been designed for desalination of make-up water of industrial and institutional cooling systems.

CapDI CT systems improve the sustainability of cooling systems, by reducing their water and chemical consumption and reducing the amount of wastewater. The CapDI system desalinates water before it enters the cooling tower. This allows the water to remain in the cooling tower up to five times longer, resulting in 20% reduction in consumption of water and a reduction of the amount of scale and corrosion inhibitors required to treat the water by 50% to 75%.

Residential water softening product

Pentair has developed a water softening system using the Voltea technology for residential use. This new product will be more environmentally friendly than current ion exchange systems. The new POE system with Voltea's technology is the first system that softens water without using salt. It also produces 90 percent less wastewater than a conventional whole house reverse osmosis system and it's very environmentally friendly.

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About Voltea

Voltea's ambition is for its Capacitive Deionization (CapDI) technology to become the world standard for the desalination of surface, industry and waste water. CapDI is the most efficient system for desalination and softening of water within the mid range level of dissolved salts. Voltea was listed in the 2011 Global Cleantech 100, it won the best new technology award at the 2010 Global Water Summit and is in the Artemis Top 50 of water technology companies 2011. Voltea's main operation is based in Sassenheim in the Netherlands. www.voltea.com

About Pentair

Pentair is a diversified operating company headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Its Water Group is a global leader in providing innovative products and systems used worldwide in the movement, treatment, storage and enjoyment of water. For additional information: www.pentair.com

About Unilever Ventures

Formed in 2002, Unilever Ventures is a venture capital firm providing funding and management skills to start-up and early stage businesses looking for successful growth. Having initially focused on start-up investments, UV now considers investments in later stage ventures as well, including expansion-led capital and management buyouts with an enterprise value of up to €50m. For additional information: www.unileverventures.com

About Rabo Ventures

Rabo Ventures was founded in 2008, by Rabobank Group. Rabo Ventures invests in fast-growing technology companies, aimed at making the agriculture and food chain more sustainable. For additional information: www.raboventures.com

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