

River, it was not an easy challenge; water quality fluctuates widely, and the river receives numerous discharges including agricultural runoff, power plant cooling water and effluent from sewage treatment plants.

Black & Veatch's answer was the \$65 million Columbia Heights Membrane Filtration Plant. It is the largest potable ultrafiltration plant in the Western Hemisphere and the second largest in the world. Lessons learned from the project are already influencing the design of future water treatment facilities and pointing the way to the increased effectiveness, economy, size and sophistication of membrane filtration facilities around the world.

Judges' Verdict: Black & Veatch has set a new standard for water treatment plants in the US with its Columbia Heights facility.

650,000m³/d at peak levels. The facility was built by Degremont in partnership with Egyptian construction firm Arab Contractors.

Judges' Verdict: If a wastewater treatment plant can change the world, this it is.

Highly Commended

Milano San Rocco WWTP

Located seven miles south of Milan, Milano San Rocco, is one of the largest wastewater treatment facilities in Italy. It is also one of the most stylish. The brief was to build a plant to serve 50% of Milan's population in such a way as to minimize the impact on the surrounding environment. Degremont rose to the challenge with a facility which is more like an avant-garde art gallery than a sewage works. And it is as clever as it is beautiful. A capacity for a population equivalent of 1,050,000 people has been squeezed into just 130,000m³. The water reclaimed from the plant is reused by local farmers and the sludge is dried and used as fuel in a nearby cement works. Energy usage in the treatment process is just 0.32kWh per m³ of wastewater treated. The plant is everything a facility for the style capital of Europe should be.

Judges' Verdict: Milano San Rocco wastewater treatment plant is state of the art in every sense of the word.

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Gabal el Asfar WWTP

With a population exceeding 15 million, Cairo is the largest metropolitan area on the African continent. The continued expansion of this great city has called for infrastructure investment on a massive scale. The Gabal el Asfar wastewater treatment facility is just that. When the final phase is completed, it will be the largest wastewater treatment plant in the world, with a capacity of 3 million m³/d. Biogas from the anaerobic digestion process will provide 60% of the energy needed to power the plant. The initial phase was completed in 2005 and has the total capacity to process



Gabal el Asfar WWTP



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