

Press Release

Voltea Raises €3.6 Million Additional Financing from Investors

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Voltea Limited - a leader in advanced water desalination - is pleased to announce today that it has completed a €3.6m financing round to support the commercial roll-out of its breakthrough Capacitive Deionization (CapDI) technology. The funding was led by Rabo Ventures and included existing investor Pentair Inc.

Desalination and softening of water is currently an inefficient and environmentally unfriendly process. Existing technologies employed to remove salts, minerals and toxic metals from water typically consume large amounts of energy and chemicals and often produce large volumes of wastewater. Voltea's breakthrough Capacitive Deionization (CapDI) technology is the result of over 10 years of government and commercial R&D targeted on overcoming these issues. Their field-demonstrated technology offers the first clean desalination systems capable of high water recovery and chemical-free operation, whilst consuming substantially less energy than alternatives. CapDI systems are scalable and have already been proven effective in applications ranging from domestic appliances to industrial and utility water production.

"Working with industry leaders, our technology has proven itself to be a breakthrough in low-energy, low-cost water desalination. As we continue our growth, we are keen to seek out industry leading partners who can further strengthen our position. In line with this aspiration, we are very pleased to be strengthening our shareholder base today by having Rabo Ventures on board," said Michiel Lensink, CEO of Voltea.

"Clean water is essential to successful and sustainable agriculture and of critical importance to Rabobank clients across the world. In order to better manage our available water resources, and to continue to provide the water needed for agriculture and industry, we need new technologies. Voltea represents one such technology. We are proud to be placing the full support of Rabobank behind this innovative business," said Sipko Schat, Head of Rabobank International.

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About Voltea

Background to Voltea: Voltea is a start-up backed by Unilever Ventures, the venture capital arm of Unilever plc. Unilever began working on the technology in 2004 and formed Voltea Ltd, a UK-based company, to commercialise the process in 2006. Voltea is headquartered in London. The operational side of the business is based in Leiden, the Netherlands. Voltea has over 20 employees. www.voltea.com

About Rabo Ventures

Rabo Ventures was founded in 2008, by Rabobank Group, to complete the bank's product offering to businesses in the field of sustainability. We seek to invest in early stage companies that we believe can grow into being future industry leaders in the field of sustainability. Our aim is not merely to invest in, but to partner with, early stage companies. Through this partnership, we seek to make the full resources of Rabobank available to help support their growth from early revenue start-ups to industry leaders. For additional information: www.raboventures.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 Pentair

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