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## H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation Awarded \$8.4 M of New Water and Wastewater Projects

All amounts are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

**Quebec City, April 6, 2023** – (TSX: HEO) –  $H_2O$  Innovation Inc. ("H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation" or the "Corporation") is pleased to announce that its Water Technologies & Services (WTS) business line has recently been awarded eight new water and wastewater treatment projects, including six industrial projects. These new contracts, with a total value of \$8.4 M, increase the WTS backlog to \$56.0 M.

The Corporation's most recent contract awards involves a 1.5 MGD (5,700 m<sup>3</sup>/day) ceramic ultrafiltration (UF) system for the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota. This design will feature a high-water recovery rate of over 97%. Because the proposed system will use ceramic membranes, it is in line with the client's objective to mitigate lifecycle expenses and streamline operational practices, while generating water of superior quality for the community.

The Corporation has been awarded another project for an electric vehicle manufacturer that includes a treatment using multimedia filters, degasifiers, and reverse osmosis (RO) systems. This system will produce 150 GPM (820  $m^3$ /day) of make-up water for cooling towers. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

 $H_2O$  Innovation has also secured a contract for 1.0 MGD (4,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day) treatment system with two seawater reverse osmosis (SWRO) trains for a US client. The end user, located at a resort in Latin America, needs a reliable and energy-efficient source of desalinated water which was the driving factor behind the design of this new project. This project is expected to be completed within the next twelve months.

The fourth project includes an 18 MGD (68,130 m<sup>3</sup>/day) UF system for the West End Water Treatment Plant in the City of Billings, Montana. The UF system will be comprised of seven trains and will treat surface water for the City's drinking water supply. H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation has recently received the contract to complete the design of the UF system and the water treatment plant is expected to go into operation in 2025.

In addition to the previously mentioned projects, the Corporation was awarded four new industrial projects, one of which involves a four-month extension for a UF rental. Two other contracts include the delivery of systems for a client specialized in the production of biofuels. Finally, H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation secured a contract to supply a RO system for a client in the US automotive industry.

"We are pleased to have secured contracts with both new and recurring clients for water and wastewater projects. This reflects our ability to deliver high-quality systems and to build strong and lasting relationships with our clients. Our team collaborates with them to identify their specific needs and to tailor effective and sustainable solutions to meet those requirements. As we move forward, we remain committed to creating value for our clients and to helping them achieve their objectives," **stated Frédéric Dugré, President and Chief Executive Officer of H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation**.

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## Prospective disclosures

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## About H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation

Innovation is in our name, and it is what drives the organization. H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation is a complete water solutions company focused on providing best-in-class technologies and services to its customers. The Corporation's activities rely on three pillars: i) Water Technologies & Services (WTS) applies membrane technologies and engineering expertise to deliver equipment and services to municipal and industrial water, wastewater, and water reuse customers, ii) Specialty Products (SP) is a set of businesses that manufacture and supply a complete line of specialty chemicals, consumables and engineered products for the global water treatment industry, and iii) Operation & Maintenance (O&M) provides contract operations and associated services for water and wastewater treatment systems. Through innovation, we strive to simplify water. For more information, visit www.h2oinnovation.com.

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