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First day of dealings on AIM

HydroDec Group plc ('HydroDec' or the 'Company') has today commenced trading in its common shares on the Alternative Investment market (AIM) under the ticker HYR. This follows the EGM of Vert-eco Group plc (ticker 'VRT') on 20 December 2004 which passed a resolution to agree the acquisition of HydroDec Development Corporation PY Limited for consideration of £7.4 million. A resolution was also passed to change Vert-eco Group's name to HydroDec Group plc.

HydroDec was established to commercialise the HydroDec Technology, which is an oil re-refining process designed to remove harmful contaminants, such as PCBs. The HydroDec Technology is based on intellectual property comprising a protected patent in Australia and certain other jurisdictions developed by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation of Australia. HydroDec has entered into an exclusive global license with CSIRO for the marketing and distribution of the HydroDec Technology.

John Gunn, Non-executive Chairman, said

"The first day of dealings on AIM is of great significance for the newly named HydroDec Group plc. The HydroDec Group looks forward to developing this business on a global basis and continuing to search for further acquisition opportunities in the environmental industry."

Durlacher Limited is nominated adviser and broker to the Admission.

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