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**Hydranautics announces that WATER LINE SRL has been appointed as new distributor for Italy.**

Hydranautics looks to the road ahead, planning carefully to meet the increasingly complex requirements of our customers. Together with our parent company, Nitto Denko, we are taking bold steps to enhance and increase productivity, deliver new technology and innovation while maintaining Hydranautics' keen customer driven focus. This reflects Hydranautics' philosophy that businesses must evolve in order to remain relevant in our industry, constantly creating new value within our field of expertise. This eagerness to embrace needed change is the core strength of Hydranautics and our parent company Nitto Denko. In order to provide the best service into the Italian market, Hydranautics has appointed Water Line SRL ([www.waterline.it](http://www.waterline.it)) as new distributor for ITALY following our "Striving for Quality-driven Sustainable Growth" and "The Growth of our Key Customers is our Growth" targets. For this purpose Water Line SRL will be our extension in ITALY to efficiently cover one of the most important growing markets worldwide providing the state of art Hydranautics membranes with the proper Technical and Commercial service on site.

Since its founding in 1963, Hydranautics has been committed to the highest standards of technology research, product excellence and customer satisfaction. Hydranautics entered the reverse osmosis (RO) water treatment field in 1970, and is now one of the most respected and experienced firms in the membrane separations industry. Hydranautics became part of the Nitto Denko Corporation when it was acquired in 1987. Nitto Denko was started in 1918, producing electrical insulation materials; it now has over 111 companies in more than 20 countries, with over 25,000 employees worldwide. Hydranautics Corporate headquarters are located in the city of Oceanside, California, with many offices in Europe.

Kind regards

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