

Photo Release -- Echologics Wins Top Prize at the Water Industry Achievement Awards

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Water Leader Demonstrates Innovation & Technology With Industry Leading Awards

ATLANTA, May 2, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Echologics, alongside Severn Trent Water and Loughborough University, took home the Water Industry Achievement Awards' *Most Innovative New Technology of the Year* and the overall *Outstanding Innovation 2014* awards. Echologics won both awards for LeakFinderST $^{\text{TM}}$, an advanced leak noise correlator jointly developed by the three organizations.



Accepting the award with host Patrick Monahan, VP and General Manager of Echologics Marc Bracken (second from left), Julie Hart of Severn Trent Water, James Flintand Neil Dixonof Loughborough University and Ofwat chief engineer Mark Worsfold

Organized by WET News and Water & Wastewater Treatment, the Water Industry Achievement Awards recognize industry leaders with outstanding innovation in the UK water industry and outstanding innovation and best practices across the industry as a whole.

An affiliate of Mueller Co., Echologics is a leading developer and provider of acousticbased technologies for water loss management, leak detection and pipe condition assessment.

The Most Innovative New Technology of the Year award, which recognizes a ground-breaking product or technology, has been awarded only since 2013. The Outstanding

Innovation 2014 award is given to the overall winner and recognizes products or companies with the most significant new contribution to the water industry.

Severn Trent Water with Loughborough University undertook research to further improve leak detection with plastic piping. Following promising research and the filing of a patent application, Severn Trent partnered with Echologics to design and commercially launch a correlator, branded LeakFinderST, which features improved performance in terms of accuracy and speed of correlation.

"These awards demonstrate what can be achieved with a unique collaboration between a top research university, a leading water utility, and commercial partner to leverage on the strengths of each other to accomplish something that would be impossible if each party were working on its own," said Marc Bracken, vice president and general manager of Echologics. "Partnering with Severn Trent Water, with research from Loughborough University, allowed us to commercially develop technology to pin-point leaks in plastic pipes through the LeakFinderST prototype."

To find out more about innovations in water technology like the LeakFinderST, join Severn Trent Water and Echologics at Severn Trent Water's head offices in Coventry on 8 May 2014.

A photo accompanying this release is available at http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=25114

About Echologics

Echologics, an affiliate of Mueller Co., is a leader in the development of water infrastructure diagnostic technologies for water loss management, leak detection and pipe condition assessment. Echologics is dedicated to helping water utilities reduce water loss with subsequent benefits in monetary, environmental and health costs to the communities. Echologics was founded in 2003 and is based in Toronto. For more information, visit www.echologics.com.

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