

Kemira, the municipality of Kangasala and Saarioinen signs agreement on wastewater treatment

Kemira, the municipality of Kangasala and Saarioinen have today, January 27, 2010 signed an agreement on wastewater treatment. Kemira will be responsible for pretreatment of the wastewater of Ruoka-Saarioinen's factory (part of Saarioinen Group) located in Sahalahti as well as for operating the water treatment plant located in connection with the factory. Ruoka-Saarioinen Oy employs some 900 people at Sahalahti and manufactures nearly 140 tons of convenience foods and poultry products per day. Kemira is a forerunner in water treatment services in Finland, and works in cooperation with municipalities and industrial companies in several locations.

"Kemira takes over all water treatment plant operations on behalf of the customer. Our customers gain cost saving as they can focus on their core operations. We offer our own water treatment expertise to the customer and ensure environmental and plant safety," explains **Tapio Korttilalli**, Managing Director of Kemira Operon Oy. Kemira Operon Oy is Kemira's subsidiary that produces water treatment services.

The requirements for wastewater treatment in the Sahalahti area of Kangasala will change, when the current environmental permit expires at the end of 2010. Wastewater will, in the future, be transferred after pretreatment to Tampere using transfer sewer lines. Transferring of industrial wastewater produced by Ruoka-Saarioinen (part of Saarioinen Group) at Sahalahti, will require more efficient pretreatment in the future.

In June 2009, Kangasalan Vesi made a procurement decision to acquire a pretreatment plant for Sahalahti and Kemira was chosen as the project supplier. A company called Sahalahden Esikäsittelylaitos Oy was established for the project. The shareholders of the company are the municipality of Kangasala, Ruoka-Saarioinen and Kemira. The plant that is currently at rooftop height is located next to the current Sahalahti wastewater purification plant on a plot leased by the municipality of Kangasala. The plant will be taken into use after the transfer sewer is completed in late November 2010.

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