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## **DRiWATER® BENEFITS FROM DECREE BY SAUDI MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION**

*Ministerial decree to water trees with DriWater®  
leads to construction of production facility*

**SANTA ROSA, CA** – DriWater, Inc., worldwide manufacturer of DRiWATER®, time-release water, is pleased to report that four years of product testing in Saudi Arabia has led to a decree by the Saudi Minister of Transportation that all trees planted by the Department of Transportation in the Kingdom will be irrigated with DRiWATER®.

The significance of the decree is that the proposed timetable for building a DriWater manufacturing facility has moved far ahead of schedule and the demand will be even greater than anticipated. After receiving this Ministerial decree, DriWater's business partner, Al Koufi Contracting Establishment based in Riyadh, has proposed to the Ministry of Transportation a pilot project using DRiWATER® that will be expanded to all the other Kingdom highways. This initial project is for the Dammam International Airport highway which covers 15 kilometers in length. All the trees will be irrigated using DRiWATER®.

“The opening of a DriWater factory in Saudi Arabia is an important goal for us and it now looks as if it will be happening faster than we anticipated,” commented Joseph Paternoster, DriWater, Inc. President and CEO. “We have been shipping packaged DRiWATER® across the Atlantic Ocean for four years of testing and it appears they have seen enough tests. Once the factory is built we will ship the ingredients dry which they will use in the manufacturing process.”

“Al-Koufi Contracting Establishment will distribute this decree to all Municipalities in the Kingdom which are responsible for afforestation and beautification to include DRiWATER® in their specifications,” commented Engr. Ibrahim Al-Koufi, General Manager of Al-Koufi Establishment.

Saudi Arabia, by far the largest country in the Gulf, is nearly 2 million square kilometers (780,000 square miles) and is roughly one-fourth the size of the United States. It consists of predominantly sandy desert and forests now account for only 1 percent of the land. Its current environmental issues are desertification, depletion of underground water resources and a lack of perennial rivers and permanent water bodies. These issues have prompted the government to turn to technology such as DriWater to help begin the restoration process while conserving its most scarce resource.

Based in Santa Rosa, California, DriWater, Inc. is the worldwide manufacturer of DRiWATER®. DRiWATER®, a patented technology, is sold to commercial and retail customers in the United States and throughout the world. For more information visit [www.driwater.com](http://www.driwater.com).