



### TEXAS DESAL 2014 September 12, 2014

Extracting Minerals From Waste Water

### **INTRODUCTION TO EWM**



# Enviro Water Minerals Company, Inc, ("EWM") is commercializing its patent portfolio of cutting-edge technology that profitably recovers minerals discharged as waste brine from brackish water desalination plants

- Water scarcity affects every continent and affects 4 out of every 10 people (World Health Organization)
- Brackish water presents a vast supply of new freshwater resources
  - Over 300 brackish water reverse osmosis ("BWRO") plants across the United States
  - 10 new ones being built per year
  - Sufficient brackish water supplies in Texas to support 1,500 large BWRO plants (10 MGD) for 90 years
- Waste brine disposal is costly and has large environmental risks
  - In certain situations, brackish water desalination plants are being blocked from construction because they can't get brine disposal permits
- EWM's technology solves key impediment to large source of new freshwater supply: waste brine disposal
  - Waste brine contains valuable minerals, which EWM extracts to sell
  - No residual waste: only mineral products and additional potable water produced



## EWM TEAM



#### Hubble Hausman

Chief Executive Officer

Investment professional

#### Paul Wallace

Chief Technology Officer

 Texaco, GE, URS technical experience

#### Craig Pedersen

Senior Vice President

 Former Executive Administrator of TWDB

#### Additional EWM Resources

**Business Advisors** 

Business Partners



 Tim Pickett, CEO American Biofilter NORRISLEAL ENGINEERING WATER



MICKLEY & ASSOCIATES Consulting Chemical & Processing Engineers







### **TEXAS DESALINATION WATER SUPPLY**



# Sufficient brackish water exists to support 1,500 large BWRO plants for 90 yearsTexas Desalination GrowthAvailable Texas Brackish Groundwater

- Inland brackish water
  - Best new water supply alternative for many areas
  - Utilizes untapped underground brackish water resources
- Seawater desalination
  - Higher salt content leads to higher desalination cost
  - Lower feed water supply cost and lower brine disposal cost

#### **Desalination in Texas**





Note: As of the end of 2011, Texas had 44 public water desalination plants in operation. The table on slide 3 shows 37 plant in Texas, which is sourced from an older report. Source: Houston Chronicle Nov 2011; El Paso Water Utilities 2012; Sandia National Laboratories 2005; U.S. Geological Survey. TWDB 2005.



#### WASTE BRINE DISPOSAL IS KEY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN



#### Current brine disposal methods limit application of brackish water desalination in U.S. due

#### to environmental concerns (lack of permitting)

- Potential long-term environmental impact
  - Surface water salinity increase
  - Water treatment plant overload
  - Contamination of groundwater (subsurface injection)

#### **Disposal Methods**

- Deep well injection
  - Current standard in brine disposal for new large scale BWRO plants
- Evaporation ponds
  - Large quantities of accumulated waste salt and large land area required make this unsuitable for large scale BWRO plants
- Discharge to sewers and rivers
  - Contaminates these already marginal quality water sources and prevents them from being used by downstream communities
- Zero liquid discharge
  - High cost (typically doubling the capital cost and power consumption of the BWRO plant). Typically only used by industrial users on a small scale (< 0.25 MGD)



#### Waste Brine Injection

- Municipal BWRO brine shallow injection
  - Single cap rock formation
  - Limited separation from drinking water aquifer
- Injection zone must have permeability
  - Sufficient pore space for new brine
- Risk of overpressure
  - Excess injection
  - Weak or leaky cap rock
- Need large underground brine formation for 50 year BWRO plant life



### **EWM SOLUTION TO BRINE MANAGEMENT**

#### **BWRO Brine Beneficial Use Challenges**

- × Scaling with further brine concentration
- × Not economical to produce low purity mixed salts
- × High energy and capital cost for thermal evaporators

#### **EWM Solution**

- ✓ Extract multiple, high purity non-scaling brines
- ✓ Combine high efficiency membrane and ion exchange technologies
- ✓ Integrate heat and power generation with desalination
- Produce multiple high value chemical and mineral products

# Evaporator Fouling with Gypsum Scale



Low Value Mixed Salt for Road De-icing





#### **EWM COMPLETELY ELIMINATES WASTE BRINE DISPOSAL ISSUES**



# EWM separates waste brine into valuable commodities, allowing access to vast sources of additional freshwater supplies

- All contaminants are separated into valuable mineral products
- Produces additional potable water
- EWM can add or remove equipment to treat a variety of brackish water sources
- Low CO2 footprint
- Cost-competitive with current disposal methods

#### Illustration of EWM's Solution



## EWM El Paso Water Purification Plant

#### **EXISTING EPWU KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON PLANT**



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# Proposed EWM El Paso Plant Sketch







### **Pilot Testing Results**



#### **Onsite Testing**

- ✓ Successfully completed El Paso pilot and report –MAY 2014
- Successfully completed SAWS pilot testing and report- JUL 2014
- Received TCEQ El Paso pilot approval AUG 2014
- TCEQ SAWS pilot approval pending

#### **Offsite Testing**

- ✓ Successfully completed offsite gypsum and magnesium hydroxide pilot testing MAY 2014
- ✓ Successfully completed offsite hydrochloric acid and caustic bench testing –**MAY 2014**

