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("Modern Water" or "the Group")

**MODERN WATER APPOINTS NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF MW CHINA**

Modern Water (AIM:MWG), the owner of world-leading technologies for the production of fresh water and monitoring of water quality, is pleased to announce that Simon MacKinnon has been appointed as Non-executive Chairman of Modern Water's operations in China. Simon has over 25 years of Chinese business experience. Based in Shanghai and Mandarin speaking, he has held a number of senior appointments, including at board level. He is currently Non-executive Chairman of Global Green Power, Non-executive Chairman of Sinophi Healthcare and a Venture Partner with SMC Capital China.

Commenting on the appointment, Neil McDougall, Executive Chairman of Modern Water, said "I am delighted to welcome Simon to Modern Water. Simon's wealth of senior level experience in China will be of immense value to us. Modern Water already has a strong and rapidly growing presence in the Chinese market for water monitoring systems and we expect to expand this considerably. At the same time we plan to develop opportunities for introducing our world-leading desalination technology into this market which Chinese industry sources have estimated will see new investment of up to RMB 20 billion (\$3 billion) over the next five years."

From 2000 to 2008 Simon was President of US Fortune 500 company Corning Incorporated in China. He drove the development of Corning's world-leading specialty glass and materials businesses, increasing their China sales from \$80 million to over \$450 million, opening seven new factories and increasing the number of employees from 80 to over 3,000.

Simon's first senior appointment in China was from 1995 to 2000 when he worked for P&O. He was instrumental in securing contracts of over \$1 billion in shipping and construction. During that period he worked closely with Chinese Government Ministries. Simon has also served as China Adviser to the private equity firm Cinven plc, Non-executive Chairman of Aggreko China and Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai.

In 2007 Simon was awarded Honorary Citizenship of Shanghai for his outstanding contributions to Shanghai and to UK-China business.

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**Notes to Editors**

1 Modern Water owns, installs and operates world-leading desalination technology and develops and supplies advanced systems for water monitoring. Its shares trade on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange.

2 Modern Water's patented forward osmosis technology has been proven to significantly reduce costs, lower energy consumption and lessen environmental impact in a variety of industries. The Group's Monitoring Division includes the world's best performing real-time continuous toxicity monitor and trace metal analysers for monitoring the quality of drinking water. With a sales presence in over 20 countries, the Division's revenue from China increased strongly in the first half of 2011.

3 Mr Guo Youzhi of the China Water Enterprise Federation was quoted in the China Daily of 19 August 2011 as saying that China will boost its efforts to reduce water shortages by investing about 20 billion yuan in seawater desalination over the next five years.