# State of the Art of **Eutectic Freeze Crystallization**

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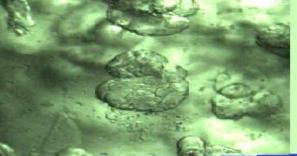




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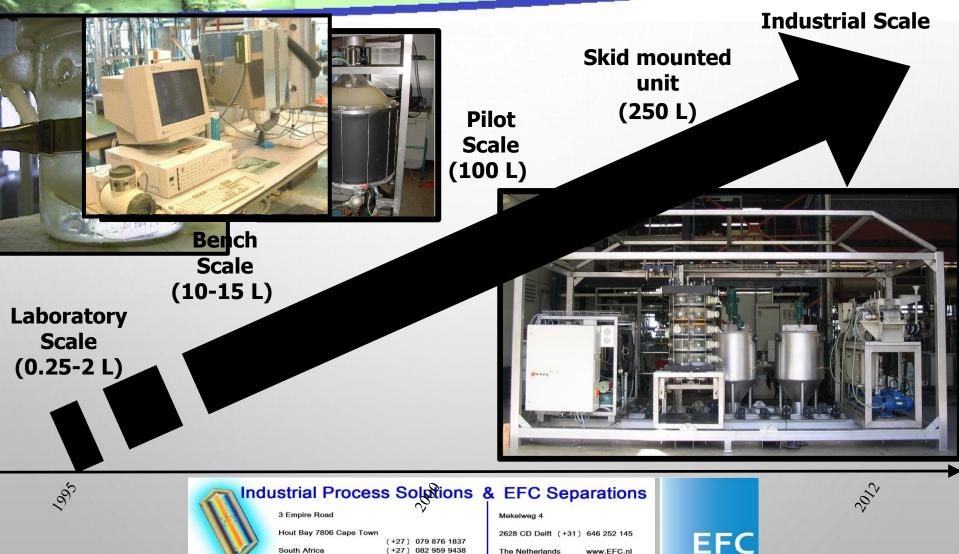
- IPS&EFC SEPARATIONS HAS DEVELOPED A CHEMICALS FREE, LOW COST, LOW ENERGY CONSUMPTION (EUTECTIC) FREEZE CRYSTALLIZATION PROCESS THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO REDUCE WASTE WATER VOLUMES, CONCENTRATE SALT SOLUTIONS, SEPARATE SALTS AND WATER, REDUCE WASTE WATER PROBLEMS AND CREATE ZERO LIQUID DISCHARGE OPERATIONS.
- APPLICATIONS FOR THIS ARE ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF INDUSTRIES, SUCH AS MINING, OIL/GAS PRODUCTION, CHEMICALS PROCESSING AND THE WASTE WATER AND DRINKING WATER INDUSTRIES.
- IPS&EFCS HAS DEMONSTRATION UNITS RUNNING AT 100-500 KG/H SCALE FOR THE FREEZE CONCENTRATION AND EUTECTIC FREEZE CONCENTRATION APPLICATIONS





# **Technology Development**

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# High Salinity Water Treatment

Growth of fresh water production increases high salinity waste water streams

> Drive for Zero Liquid Discharge processing

Disposal options for high salinity water streams decreasing and becoming more limited and more expensive

High salinity water treatment required Market size >> 10,000 units globally

Recovery of water for re-use from industrial waste streams

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Recovery of valuable salts from waste water

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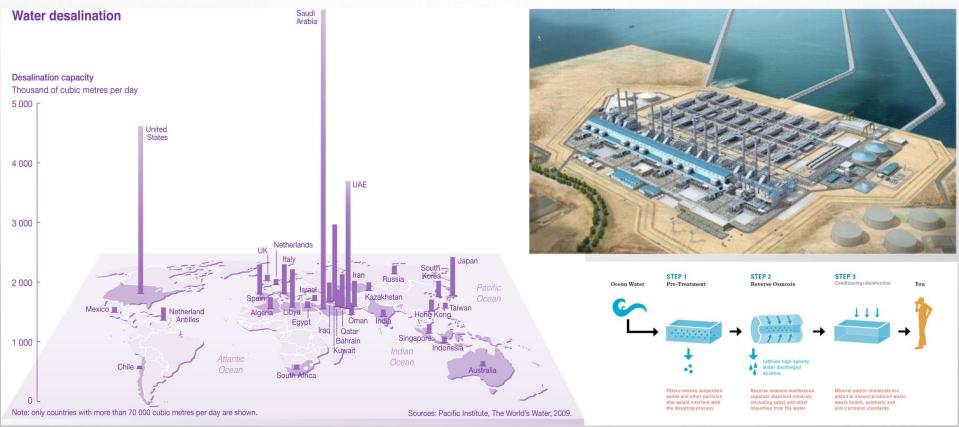


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### Desalination



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### Industrial Waste Waters





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### Acid Mine Drainage



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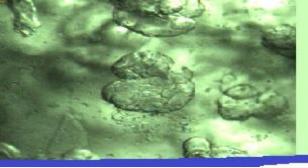
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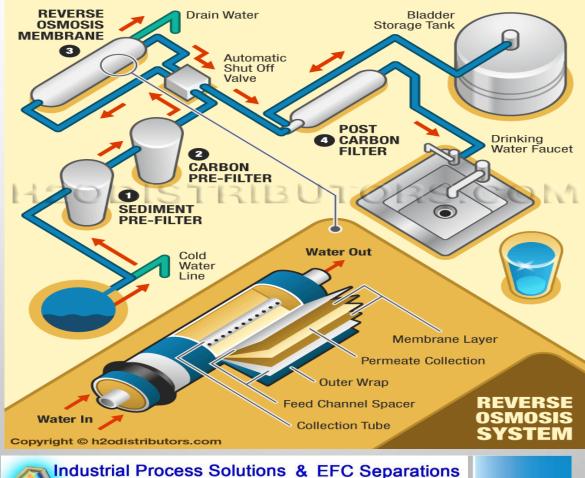
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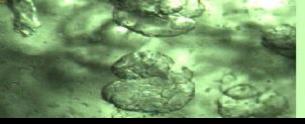
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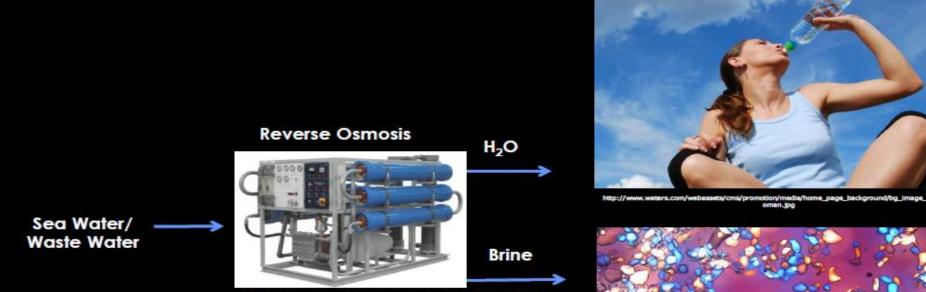
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### **Reverse Osmosis for Desalination**



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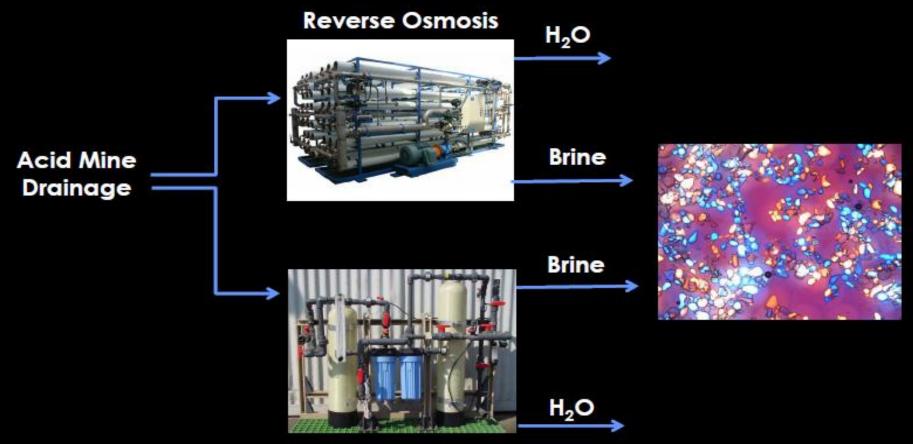
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# RO + Ion Exchange for AMD



#### Ion Exchange



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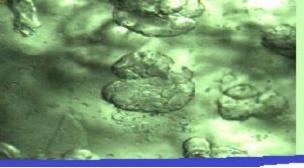
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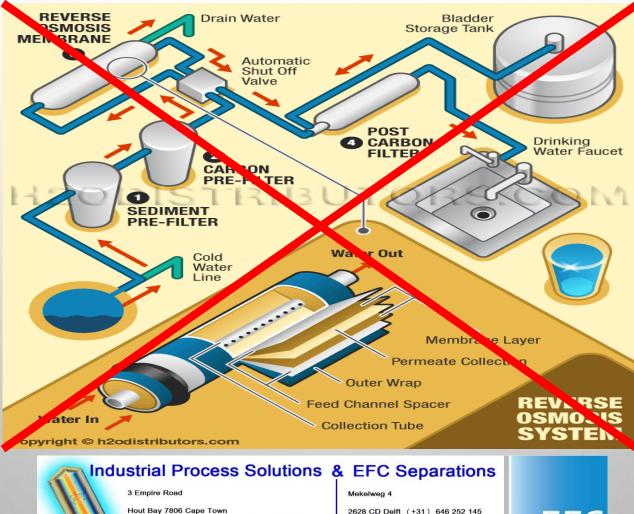
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### And The concentrated Brine?



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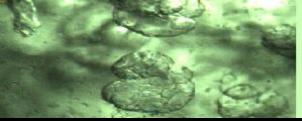
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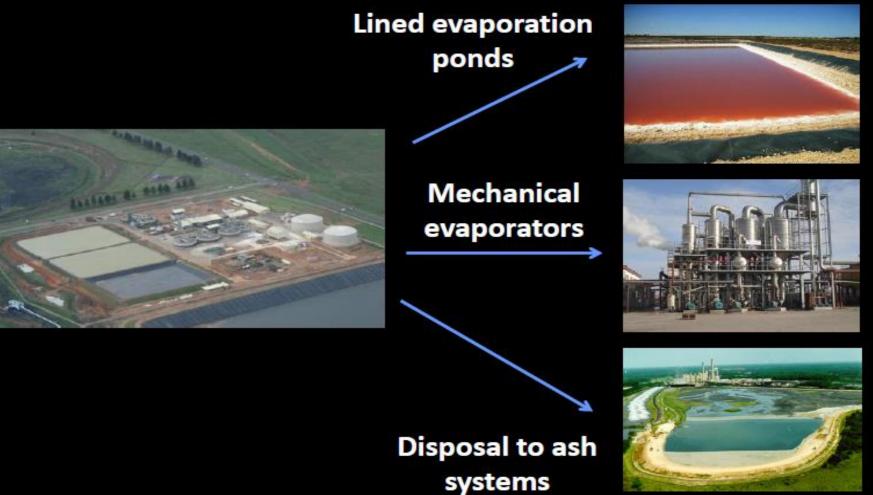
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### South Africa's Brine disposal



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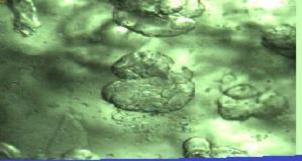
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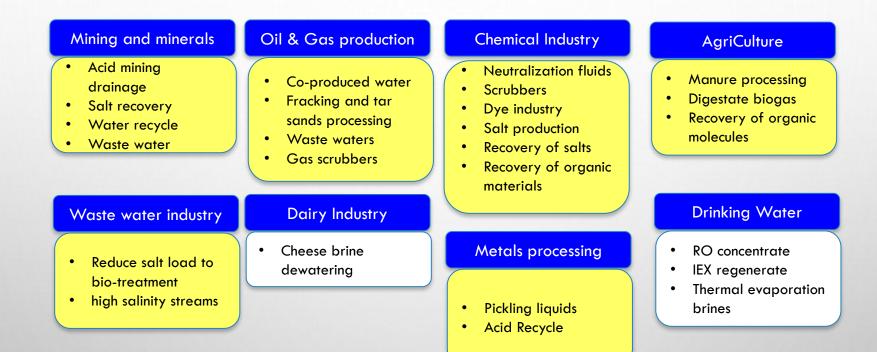
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# High Salinity water streams are created in a wide range of industries

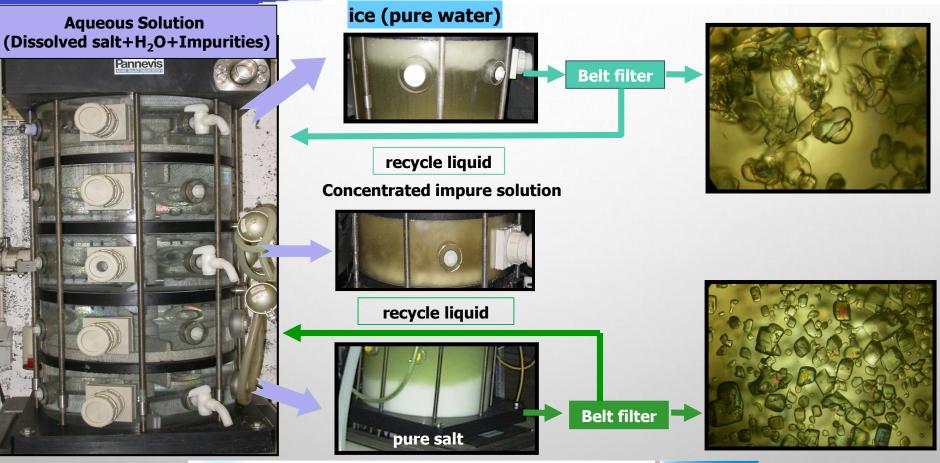


These applications have urgent, regulatory AND cost driven issues





### EFC Technology Principle





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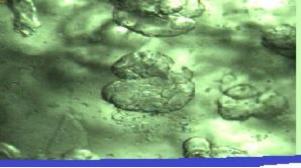
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Low temperatures results in less corrosion and the process is safe and easily controlled



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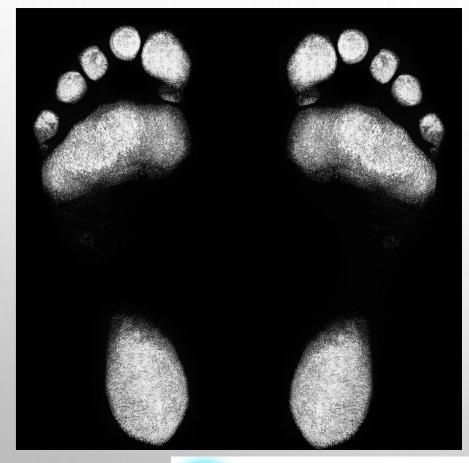
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### **Minimal Foot Print**





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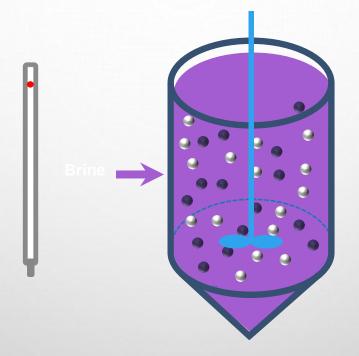
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### **Gravitational Separation**



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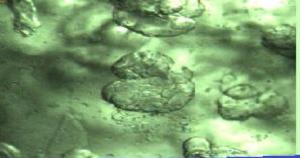
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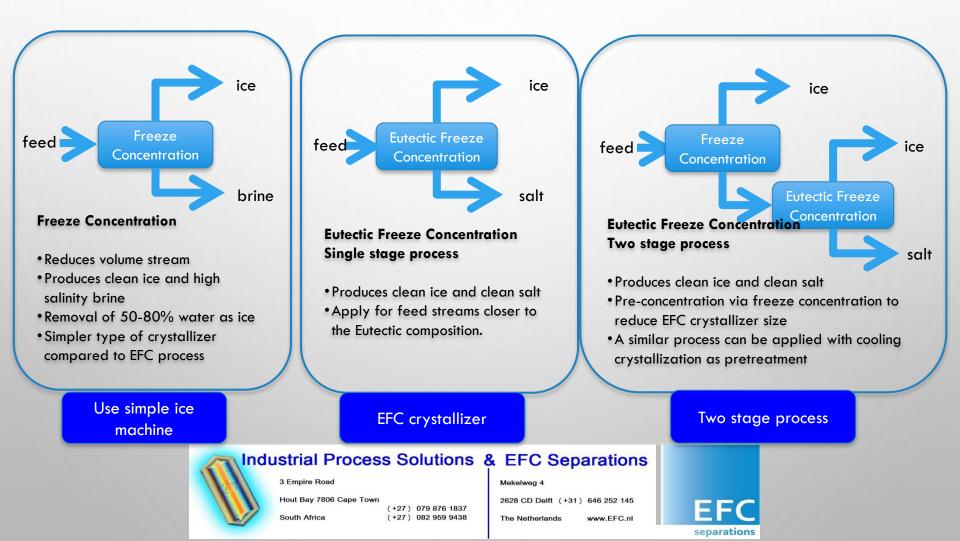
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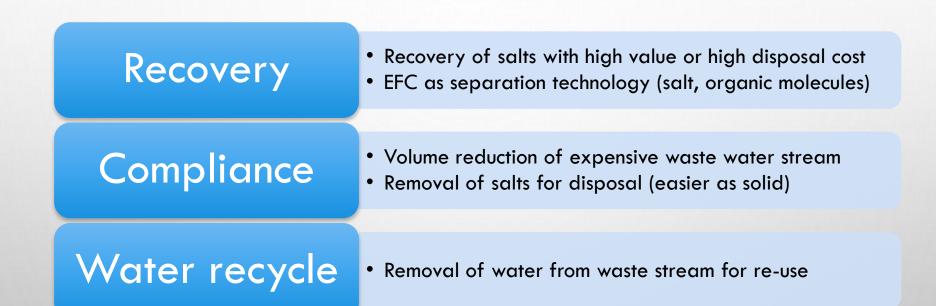


#### IPS&EFC SEPARATIONS OFFERS FREEZE CONCENTRATION (FC) AND EUTECTIC FREEZE CONCENTRATION (EFC) DEPENDING ON PROBLEM OF CUSTOMER





# EFC and FC have different Customers Drivers



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# Removing Salt from water is **not easy**

#### **EVAPORATIVE TECHNOLOGY**

- Energy intensive
- New heaters can be permit restricted
- Corrosion and scaling tendency
  - High chemicals usage
- Difficult to operate
- Cannot deal with heat sensitive products
- Limit on inlet salt concentration

#### EFC

- Low energy cost
- No chemicals for scaling & corrosion
- Can handle corrosive liquids
- Easy to operate
- No inlet limit
- Scaling not an issue
- Can handle heat sensitive products

#### **MEMBRANE FILTRATION**

- No salt recovery, always a brine
- Scaling tendency high
- Limit on inlet salt concentration
- Problematic for high COD waters

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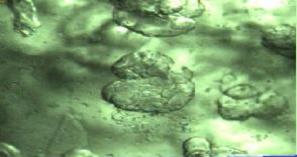
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### EFC SEPARATIONS HAS A STRONG CUSTOMER BASE FOR PAID APPLICATIONS AND PILOT PLANT RESEARCH

A selection of Recurring customers → these customers operate evaporators and membrane systems but they come to IPS&EFC Separations with the problematic streams



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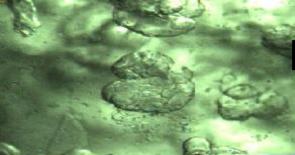
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# EFC is READY for Commercial Scale

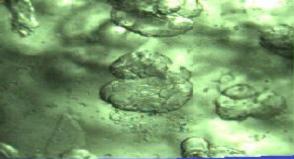
- TECHNOLOGY PROVEN AT 1L, 10L, 100 L/H, 500 L/H SCALE WITH >100 DIFFERENT APPLICATIONS
- DEMONSTRATION UNITS RUNNING IN SUMMER 2015 WITH VALIDATED OPERATING AND MANUFACTURING COST

EVIDES ROTTERDAM	100 KG/H EFC UNIT ON ION EXCHANGE REGENERATE RECOVERY (ZLD)
KUUNDERS, DEURNE	500 KG/H FC UNIT ON RO CONCENTRATE FROM MANURE INDUSTRY
CONF CUST, NL	300-500 KG/H FC UNIT FOR CONCENTRATION OF FOOD PRODUCT STREAM

MAIN EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE AND WELL PROVEN IN SMALL AND LARGE CAPACITY: ICE AND COOLING MACHINES BELT FILTERS

CRITICAL EQUIPMENT: CRYSTALLIZER DESIGNS EFC (PATENT) → VERY SCALABLE, MODULAR SYSTEM, PROVEN MANUFACTURING





### EFC HAS A SOLID BUSINESS CASE

Example: waste water streat v	am with various salts ( volume reduction prio	•	scaling)		
	Evaporator	FC	Disposal	Column2	
Сарех	550	590		kEuro	
Opex (incl depreciation)	246	144		kEuro	
Total Cost of Ownership	24	14		Euro/m3	Attractive economics
			35	Euro/m3	for service model
Pay Back time Higher operating		3.2 <b>1</b> year payback		year Disposal cost at w	
costs (50% higher), a				water facility neertainty how lor can be allowed	ng this

#### Costs taken from commercial quotes





### FIELDS OF APPLICATION

#### As a Separation Technology

Separation technology for the isolation of valuable products from an aqueous process.

#### Some examples of tested systems:

- Recovery of organic acids from fermentation broths.
- Isolation of various high quality salts for different producers has been studied (e.g. NaCl, MgSO<sub>4</sub>, NiSO<sub>4</sub>)
- Salts from scrubbers
- Ion Exchange Regenerate for ZLD
- Producing valuable liquid concentrate products by freeze concentration

#### As a Waste water treatment

Removing components from a waste water stream to be reused or to facilitate Zero Liquid Discharge.

#### Some examples of tested systems:

- Treatment of oil and gas co-produced and flowback waters.
- Recovery of NiSO<sub>4</sub> from a metal recycling plant.
- Crystallization of soda from an incinerator blowdown stream.
- Volume reduction of liquid pig manure RO- concentrates by freeze concentration.
- Many different salts from various waste streams have been tested so far (e.g. Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, KBr)

EFC is not always an 'end-of-pipe' solution. Often an integration with other unit operations is required to come to the most optimal configuration. IPS&EFCseparations BV is actively involved in this optimal process configuration design work.

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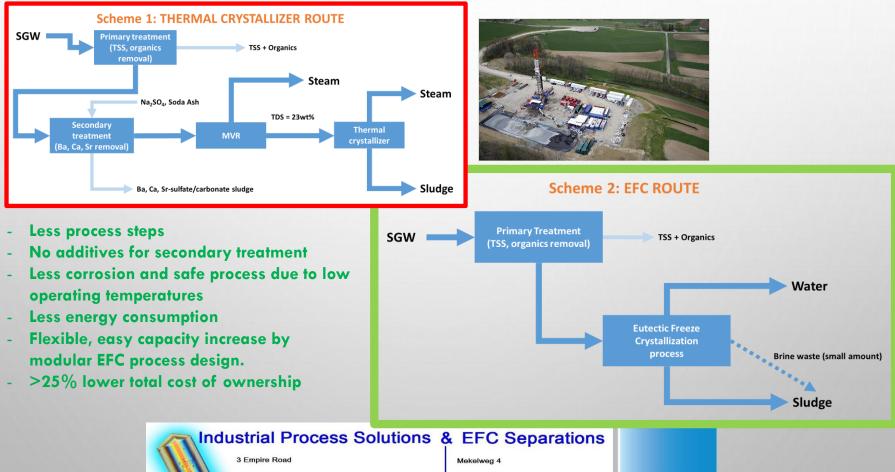
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### SHALE GAS WATERS $\rightarrow$ LOWER CAPEX/OPEX

Projects for a major oil and gas company and a North American waste water company



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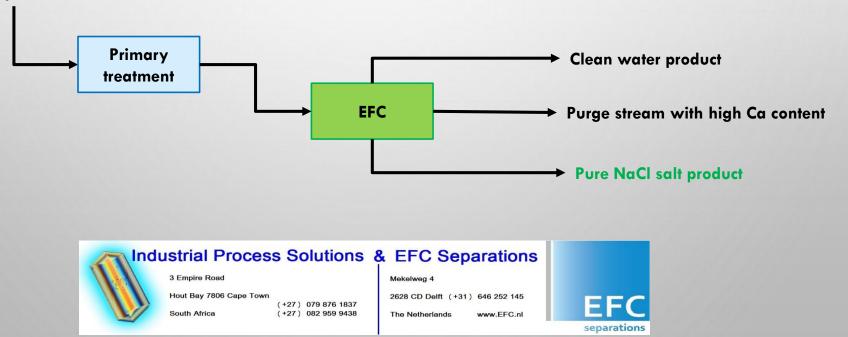
### **OIL CO-PRODUCED WATER**

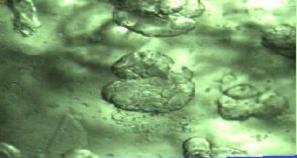
Project for an oil producer from the Middle East

- Removal of NaCl greatly reduces the negative effects of reinjecting or discharge of the co-produced waters.
- Less brine left for further treatment (in evaporation pond) or reinjection.
- EFC process produces clean water from the oil waters that can be used on site. Big advantage in water scarce areas.



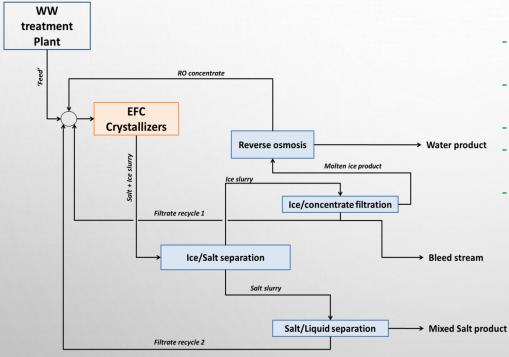
Oil co-produced water





### ACID MINE DRAINAGE TREATMENT

In collaboration with South African engineering firm and University of Cape Town



- Large liquid waste volume reductions of current AMD treatment facilities can be achieved.
- Mobile containerized units can be build to treat existing AMD reservoirs.
- Applicable to wide range of AMD compositions
- Demand for proper AMD treatment systems is rapidly growing.
- Stricter legislation due to the severe environmental risks associated with current situation.



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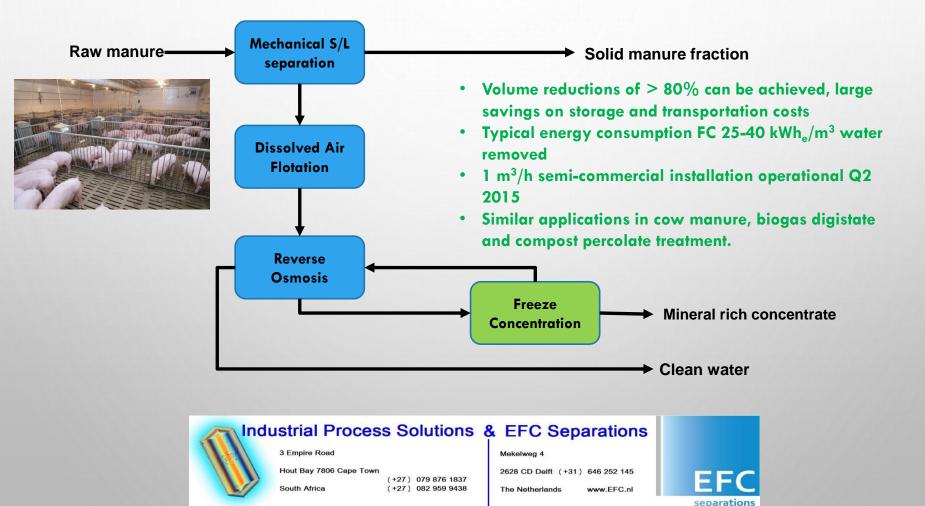
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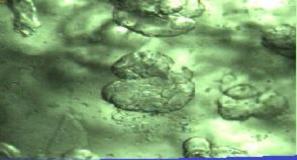




### LIQUID MANURE

Projects with pig farmers, manure treatment company and specialized manure intallation company

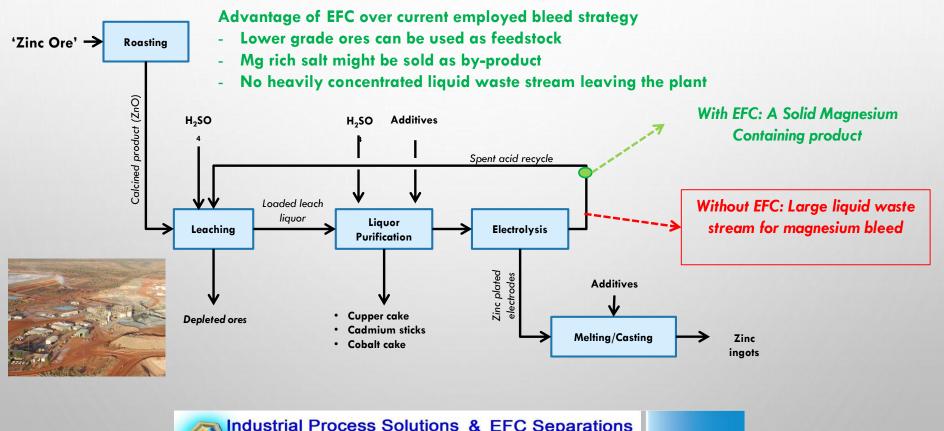




### **METAL ORE LEACHATE TREATMENT**

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Project for a large metal producer in The Netherlands



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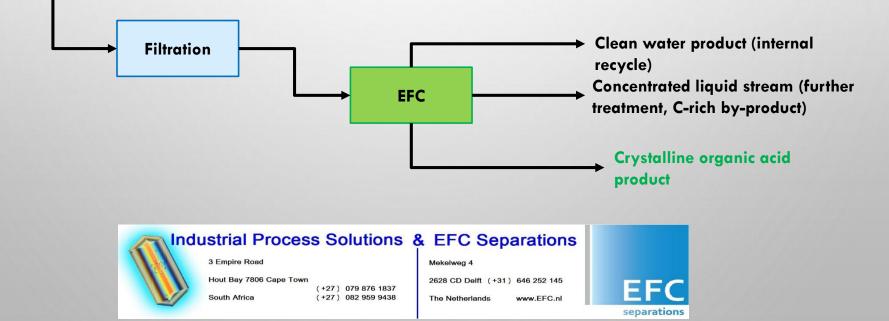


### RECOVERY OF A FERMENTATION PRODUCT

Project for a major engineering firm/process developer in Germany

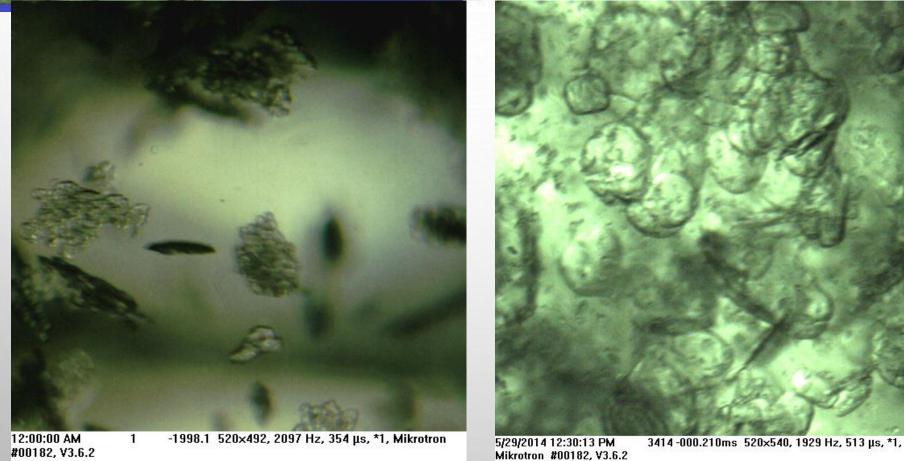


- No risk for thermal degradation of the product.
- Less biological activity in downstream processing system due to low temperature.
- High purity crystal product inherent to crystallization behaviour at low temperature operation.
- Flexible, easy capacity increase by modular EFC process design.





### Purity of Ice and Salt Products

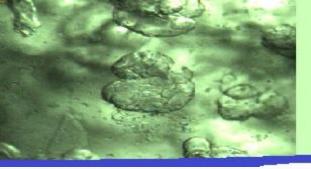




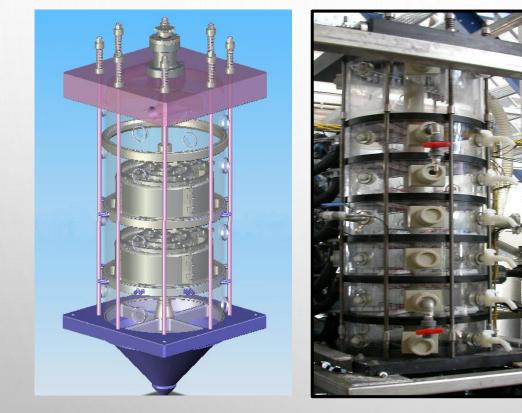
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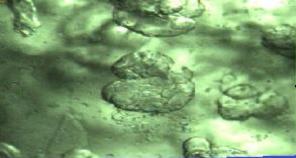
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### Salt and Ice cake on the belt filters





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# Tested and demonstrated in Industrial environment



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### Conclusions

- Eutectic Freeze Crystallizers have been, and continue being, implemented to perform in an industrial scale level.
- Eutectic Freeze Crystallization is a sustainable environmentally friendly technology capable to work towards Zero Waste, not only cleaning water but producing valuable sellable products.
- Economic comparisons with existing brine water treatment technologies indicate that Eutectic Freeze crystallization alone or integrated is viable and produce a higher and alternative revenue.





### Thanks for your attention

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