

## NEWTERRA CELEBRATES SIGNIFICANT SAFETY MILESTONE

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# Water treatment company surpasses 1,000-day mark without a lost time injury

Brockville, ON – August 9, 2016: **newterra**, a leader in modular water, wastewater and groundwater treatment solutions, today announced that it had achieved a significant milestone in accident-free production, service and operations. The company recently surpassed the 1,000-day mark without a single lost time injury at its operations in Canada, the United States and South America. A Lost Time Injury (LTI) is when an employee is hurt while conducting a work-related task and is unable to report for their next scheduled shift.

“Safety is a cornerstone of the way we operate,” says newterra President & CEO Tom Vossman, who took over leadership of the 200+ employee firm in March. “It’s one of our core values. For example, every single person on our production team is expected to stop work – to literally bring things to a halt –if they feel their safety or that of a coworker is at risk. That also holds true for our people out in the field installing, servicing and operating water treatment systems – often in harsh environments and extreme temperatures. Looking out for one another is how we’ve maintained our accident-free status for such an impressive length of time.”

For **newterra** employees, going almost three years (and counting) without such an occurrence is a source of great pride. A video monitor in a staff lounge area of the company’s 3-acre Brockville facility has a counter that displays the number of days, hours, minutes and seconds without a lost time injury. “Every break, every lunch, that TV is a reminder to be safe and watch out for your coworkers,” according to **newterra** Production Manager, Jason “Big Jay” McKinnon. “Safety is a team effort – and I’m extremely proud of our people and this accomplishment. Very few companies our size can match it.”

**newterra** operates production facilities in Brockville, ON and Venice, FL. Welding, custom metal fabrication, carpentry, pipefitting and electrical wiring are just some of the processes involved in building their modular water treatment systems.

Comprehensive electrical, hydraulic and controls testing is also undertaken at the plants before completed systems are shipped to destinations around the world. **newterra** also employs teams of certified water and wastewater operators and service personnel in North America and Chile, who install, commission, operate and maintain systems for their clients.

“Many of the advanced water treatment systems we engineer and build are for Fortune 100 companies, and they demand very high standards of workplace safety from their suppliers. Without a strong track record, you don’t get the work.” says Vossman. “Bottom line, safety is good for our employees and our business.”

## **About newterra**

**newterra** is a leading provider of modular water, wastewater and groundwater treatment solutions to the resource, power generation, industrial, private development and municipal markets. With its suite of patented technologies and capabilities that include design, engineering and manufacturing in its own facilities, **newterra** maintains control over the high quality and on-time delivery of its systems. Operations in Canada, United States, Germany and Chile allow **newterra** to address the needs of clients on a global basis. In addition to being selected as a Cleantech Top 100 Company in 2013 and 2105, **newterra** has also achieved Platinum status as a distinguished recipient of Deloitte’s 50 Best Managed Companies Award for the past eight consecutive years.

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