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AWT ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Rockville, MD (October 4, 2006) – The Association of Water Technologies (AWT) has installed its new president. Charles D. Hamrick, Jr., CWT, of GLA Water Management Company in Rossford, Ohio, began his one-year term as president, which runs from September 2006 – November 2007, at the AWT Annual Convention in Charlotte, NC.

Mr. Hamrick has risen up the ranks of AWT, serving on various committees and in leadership roles such as secretary and as the president-elect. He has spent over 20 years in the water treatment industry, beginning his career as a sales/service engineer with Viking Chemicals. In 1985, Mr. Hamrick started working for GLA Water Management Company where he currently holds the position as President. Specific areas of expertise include cooling, product selection/design, boiler, and wastewater.

“It is a great honor for me to serve as president of AWT,” Hamrick said. “I’m confident that we can continue to grow as an organization through training, certification, regulatory and public awareness programs—all to advance the highest in professional standards, preserve natural resources and promote the growth and development of the association’s member firms.”

The other members of the 2007 Board of Directors are as follows: Matt Copthorne, CWT, president-elect; David Christophersen, CWT, treasurer; Scott Olson, CWT, secretary; Jay Farmerie, CWT, immediate past president; Allan Bassett, CWT; R. Trace Blackmore, CWT; Mary Stephens, CWT; Jack Walker, CWT; Michael Standish, supplier representative.

Demonstrating the caliber of those who serve on the AWT Board of Directors, for the fourth year in a row, all voting members of the AWT Board have attained Certified Water Technologist (CWT) status. The CWT is the highest professional credential in the industrial and commercial water treatment field.

AWT is an international trade association representing nearly 500 regional companies that specialize in industrial and commercial water treatment for heating and cooling systems. These companies may also specialize in wastewater treatment, potable water treatment, and other industry segments. For additional information about AWT, its programs and services, and membership opportunities, please visit our web site at www.awt.org or call our headquarters at 301-740-1421.

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