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### GE ANNOUNCES STRATEGIC ALLIANCE WITH HARRISON WESTERN

#### *ALLIANCE TO SERVE GLOBAL MINING MARKETS WITH COST SAVING, ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND WATER & PROCESS SOLUTIONS*

#### *ALLIANCE JOINS GE ECOMAGINATION PORTFOLIO*

**For Immediate Release:**

**(October 20, 2005) TREVOSE, PA and LAKEWOOD, CO** — GE Water & Process Technologies, a unit of General Electric (NYSE:GE), and HW Process Technologies, Inc. (HWPT), a unit of the Harrison Western Companies, today announced a new strategic alliance aimed at providing proprietary, environmentally sound, process recovery, water reuse and wastewater solutions to serve the global mining market.

"The GE-Harrison Western alliance is a welcomed addition to our ecomagination portfolio," said George Oliver, CEO, GE Water & Process Technologies. "The mining and mineral processing industries must comply with strict environmental laws and regulations that are designed to protect public health and the environment. This alliance will help customers meet today's rapidly-changing environmental regulations head-on, while simultaneously recovering valuable minerals, increasing overall productivity, and assisting customers in cutting environmental costs that impact their bottom lines."

"The alliance is a positive step forward for both companies and presents endless opportunities to deploy advanced membrane technologies and solutions into the global mining market," said Ken Brunk, President and Chief Executive Officer of HWPT.

This will meet the rapidly increasing demand for the recovering of valuable metals and reagents, producing clean water for recycle or surface discharge, and the reducing water and/or sludge volumes at gold, copper, silver, and other ore facilities. The GE-Harrison Western alliance will encompass a full breadth of pretreatment, advanced membrane based separation and post treatment to aid in the development of process and wastewater solutions for the hard rock mining market. The alliance will also focus on reducing the use of chemicals, and providing cost effective, environmentally compliant solutions to address a wider range of complex process, filtration and separation issues.

For more information on the GE-Harrison Western alliance, please visit [www.gewater.com](http://www.gewater.com) or [www.harwest.com](http://www.harwest.com).

**About GE Water & Process Technologies:**

GE Infrastructure, Water & Process Technologies, a unit of General Electric Company, is an industry leader in solving the world's most pressing water reuse, industrial, irrigation, municipal, and drinking water needs. Through desalination, advanced membrane, separation solutions, and water reuse and wastewater management and process technologies, GE delivers added value to its customers. GE provides value by improving performance and product quality, reducing operating costs, and extending equipment life through a broad range of products and services that are designed to optimize total performance; protect customers' assets; prevent fouling and scaling; and safeguard the environment through water conservation and energy reduction. For more information on GE Infrastructure, Water & Process Technologies, visit [www.gewater.com](http://www.gewater.com).

**About HWPT:**

HWPT is a world leader in process water treatment technology and has developed a body of intellectual property and proprietary knowledge founded on membrane separation technology. The application of its Engineered Membrane Separation (EMSTM) technology in the mining related fields of minerals processing and solution treatment results in lower operating costs, increased efficiencies, and environmentally compliant discharge.

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