DAVID H. KOCH TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT OPENING CEREMONY FOR IDA WORLD CONGRESS ON DESALINATION AND WATER REUSE

DUBAI, UAE, Nov. 7, 2009 – The International Desalination Association (IDA) announced that David H. Koch, co-owner and Executive Vice President of Koch Industries, Inc. and President of Koch Membrane Systems, will deliver the keynote address at the Opening Ceremony for the IDA World Congress on Desalination and Water Reuse. The World Congress – the premier global event for the desalination industry – opens on November 7 and runs through November 12. It takes place in Dubai at the Atlantis-The Palm Jumeirah.

Koch Industries is considered the largest privately-owned company in the world, with 2008 revenues of $115 billion. Mr. Koch has responsibility for the growth and management of its equipment manufacturing business. It is through Koch Membrane Systems, a key member of the equipment group, that Mr. Koch has established a strong link with the water industry and earned a reputation for innovation through his pioneering work in membrane technology. Much of this ground-breaking work stems from Mr. Koch’s educational background and interest in science. He is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Chemical Engineering with B.S. and M.S. degrees.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Koch serves on more than 20 Boards of non-profit organizations. He has personally pledged and contributed more than $500 million to a wide variety of organizations and programs that enhance the work of medical centers, further efforts in cancer research, and support education, as well as programs that sustain arts and cultural institutions. Mr. Koch’s corporate leadership has been honored with numerous awards.

In addition to the keynote address, the Opening Ceremony features remarks by Salma Hareb, CEO of Economic Zones World, supporter of the World Conference; His Excellency Mohammed Bin Dha’en Al Hameli, Minister of Energy, United Arab Emirates (UAE); Dr. Rashid Ahmad bin Fahad, Minister of Environment & Water, UAE; His Excellency Abdullah Al Hussayen, Minister of Water and Electricity, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister of Water and Environment, Singapore; and His Excellency Eng Fahmi Al Jowder, Minister of Electricity and Water, Kingdom of Bahrain; and Lisa Henthorne, President of IDA.

The Opening Ceremony will also feature the presentation of two awards: the Renewable Energy Leader of the Year Award and the IDA World Water Masters Award. Recipients will be announced on November 7.

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Held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai, the 2009 IDA World Congress is being hosted by TechnoPark and supported by Economic Zones World.

Information about the IDA World Congress is available on the IDA World Congress website at www.idadubai2009.com.

About IDA

The International Desalination Association (www.idadesal.org) is a non-profit association of over 2,200 members in 60 countries. The membership is comprised of scientists, end-users, engineers, consultants and researchers from governments, corporations and academia. IDA is associated with the United Nations as part of a growing international network of non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

About TechnoPark

TechnoPark is Economic Zones World's research and development driven business and industrial park. It symbolizes Dubai's vision to develop a knowledge-based sustainable business hub that will support the country's research and development needs in core sectors and support the nation's long term economic development and growth.

Located to the west of Jafza (Jebel Ali Free Zone) on an area of 21 million square meters of land, TechnoPark is focused on Research, Development and Studies in core economic sectors, including Energy, Desalination and Water Resources Management, Environmental Resource Management and technology driven, knowledge-based industrial development.

About Economic Zones World (EZW)

Economic Zones World (EZW) is the global provider of sustainable industrial and logistics infrastructure solutions. The company aims to create a robust network of economic zones, technology, logistics and industrial parks as well as build-to-suit developments across the world with an objective to support the dynamic expansion of its rapidly growing international customer base.

EZW's current portfolio includes Jafza, one of the world’s largest free zones; Gazeley, a global developer of highly efficient, carbon positive logistics and industrial spaces; TechnoPark, a research driven business and industrial park, and Dubai Auto Zone, a comprehensive market place for the Auto industry. EZW is currently engaged in more than 30 development projects across Asia (India, Malaysia, China), Africa (Djibouti, Senegal), the Middle East (UAE, Oman), Europe (Belgium, UK, Germany, Poland, Italy, Spain, France) and the Americas (USA).

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