

# CASE STUDY

#### The Challenge

Water Supply Needs at Odds with Regional Demands to Lower Power Use



The shoreline of the Red Sea is a dazzling destination for tourists and locals to experience the beach and enjoy marine activities. In Egypt, the shoreline sprawls from the Suez Canal in the north, down to the southern part of the country bordering Sudan. Though most of Egypt's population has traditionally lived in the Cairo metro area, migration trends show more and more residents are relocating to the coastlines. Given this migratory development, small coastal towns like Marsa Alam on the Red Sea now have huge demands to supply potable water to a growing population. Until recently, the Red Sea Water and Sanitation Company was operating an outmoded SWRO desalination plant and any increase in production would require a retrofit of the existing plant. In addition to the much needed plant upgrade, the Red Sea Water and Sanitation Company was tasked by regional authorities to simultaneously lower its power consumption.

#### **LOCATION**

Marsa Alam, Egypt

#### PROJECT

Marsa Alam Water Plant

#### CAPACITY

1,500 m<sup>3</sup>/day

#### **ENERGY SAVINGS**

3,909,150 kWh per year\*

#### CO<sub>2</sub> SAVINGS

2,305 metric tons per year\*\*

- \* Energy savings based on client-provided data
- \*\* Equivalent to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 317 homes' electricity use for one year

#### The Innovation Solution

## Retrofit with Energy Recovery's PX300 and VP3471 booster pump

To solve the plant's main issue of high power consumption, the upgrade of the old 500 m³/day plant to increase capacity to 1,500 m³/day required a high-efficiency solution. The Red Sea Company implemented two of Energy Recovery's PX®300 Pressure Exchangers with a booster pump to optimize the plant's energy usage. Energy Recovery's Team 360 and their proven track record of superior customer service, coupled with the maximum availability of the PX Pressure Exchangers, provided a win-win solution for the Red Sea Company.





#### The Result

### Dramatic Energy Savings & Surge in Water Availability

By upgrading the Marsa Alam Water Plant with Energy Recovery's PX300, the Red Sea Company witnessed immediate reductions in total power consumption at the plant. The plant is now able to run at fully upgraded capacity using only one diesel generator set instead of two: a huge contribution to the overall energy savings. Furthermore, the project return on investment and implementation was exceptional, and the Marsa Alam region now has an abundant supply of fresh drinking water for its residents.



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- Delivers 96.8% efficiency
- Scalable solution



#### Verticle Pump

- Compact vertical inline design
- Highest efficiencies
- Low energy consumption



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