

MALLOW FIRM TO OPERATE THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST EVER
GROUP WATER SCHEME BUNDLE.

Carlow County Council, in partnership with **Kildare County Council, Kilkenny County Council, Laois County Council, Wexford County Council, Wicklow County Council** have **grouped together** 32 previously individual rural group water schemes, spread across six counties. **EPS Pumping and Treatment Systems** commenced construction on the 'South Leinster Bundle', which is the country's largest ever amalgamation of group water schemes. The objective of which is to improve the provision of piped water supplies to rural communities across the seven counties.

A significant proportion of the country's rural group water schemes were found to fall short of the EU's legal requirements .

Over the past number of years Ireland's Department of the Environment has undertaken a programme of upgrading the country's 250 approximate group water schemes, to comply with the EU directive in respect of the Drinking Water Standards .

The reasons for amalgamating such a large group of individual schemes was to ensure reduced capital and building costs and longterm savings in operation cost .

This approach makes available the expertise of specialist contractors such as EPS to ensure that stringent EU water quality standards are met .

The South Leinster Bundle is part of the Government's "Rural Water Delivery Programme" which EPS have been to the forefront on delivering schemes in West

Cavan (9 schemes), South West Cavan (4 schemes), Lough Annagh GWS, Clare Schemes (4 schemes), Limerick Schemes (21 schemes).

EPS will be operating over 70 group water schemes by the end of 2007.

Undoubtedly, the most challenging project of its kind in the country is the ‘South Leinster Bundle’, stretching geographically from South Kilkenny to North Wicklow, incorporating a myriad water sources, and requiring innovative treatment and logistical solutions. Water is an essential commodity, existing sources and supplies had to be maintained whilst replacement, refurbishment of new build treatment systems are put in place.

Developing these solutions is firmly within the comfort zone of EPS, a company with unrivalled experience and a long track record in the group water scheme sector.

EPS is unique amongst the panel of Irish DBO (design,build.operate) contractors who could undertake such a diverse group of schemes as it carries “InHouse” its own process, engineering, mechanical & electrical design engineers who work together with their own manufacturing and installation crews .

The onsite installation and commissioning personnel are resourced from the EPS facilities at Mallow Co. Cork, Ballyhaunis Co Mayo, Mounthraught Co Laois, Naas Co Kildare and Cookstown Co Tyrone.

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