



ActiDes now a partner in the Green Hospital initiative

Water specialists join the Asklepios Clinics' programme

Falkenstein, 15th of July 2011: Hospitals use enormous amounts of water. Using up to 700 litres of water per bed per day on average, hospitals are above even hotels in the rankings of buildings with the highest water use. As well as this usage and the resulting energy costs there are also the vital hygienic aspects of water in clinics. Around three million people in Europe contract nosocomial infections annually. In Germany alone, up to a million clinic patients a year are made ill by problematic pathogens. Up to a third of these infections could be avoided with an appropriate drinking water hygiene regime. Reason enough then, for the Green Hospital Programme to make intensive efforts to deal with this range of issues and find a partner with expertise in this area for the Asklepios Clinics' initiative. ActiDes Berlin GmbH, the leading company in the field, was the specialist chosen.

"We will implement our innovative and safe drinking water supply solutions together with the Green Hospital partners. These will help sustainably improve existing water hygiene standards and reduce costs, creating pioneering solutions for the hospital market," said Volker Voss, CEO of ActiDes GmbH. The company's partnership in the Green Hospital Programme will ensure and monitor a hygienically sound water supply across the entire drinking water system – for cold and hot water. "We expect to achieve significant energy savings with our solutions while at the same time improving drinking water quality for patients and staff, reducing costs, and enhancing operational environmental performance", added Mr. Voss.

"Water plays a central role in clinics in many ways, whether it's in terms of usage, thermal treatment processes, or in the area of hygiene. In the Green Hospital Programme we take a holistic approach to these aspects. We will deal with water use in the priority area of "Green Building" and we have also anchored it in the field of "Green Health & Care" so as to investigate the hygienic aspects of water in this setting", explained Dr. Sittel, Head of the Architecture and Construction division of Asklepios Clinics and initiator of the Green Hospital Programme.

A first scientific research project has already been set up. "With the Green Hospital Programme, which will be monitored by the Ministry for the Environment, we will prove that thermal treatment can be dispensed with, energy saved, and water hygiene improved", Volker Voss concluded.

About the Green Hospital Program

The Green Hospital Program at Asklepios Clinics and its partners is based on three core areas: Responsibility for the environment, preventative medicine, ecological use of energy in new constructions and the renovation of clinics. This kind of Program is unique in Germany and Europe. Numerous research and development projects in the areas of: Green Building, Green Healthcare, Green Patient and Green Healthcare IT create the focus and highlight the innovative power of the program. Through efficient use of natural resources in the running of a hospital, the development and use of renewable energy technologies, as well as the use of health-enhancing, ecologically-friendly materials in hospital construction, the Green Hospital Partner Program has set itself the objective to campaign for ecologically-focused



sustainability, qualitative responsibility in future health care for the protection of the environment and the wellbeing of the patient. (For further information on the Green Hospital Programme please go to www.greenhospital-blog.com)

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