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RWE Acquisition Update #11

December 11, 2001

This is an update on the RWE/Thames acquisition for Associates of American Water. Frequent updates will be distributed in the coming weeks via email. They are then archived, along with other important materials, in the "RWE Acquisition Update" database on Lotus Notes.

### RWE Expands its Position in Chilean Water Market Thames Water - RWE Group Acquires Majority in ESSEL

Thames Water, the management company of RWE's core water business, has acquired a majority interest in the Chilean water supplier ESSEL, in Rancagua. Until now, Thames Water and Electricidade de Portugal SA, Lisbon (EDP), jointly held 51% in ESSEL. After the transfer of EDP's shareholding of 25.5% to Thames Water, Corfo, a Chilean state-owned company, will continue to hold the remaining 49%.

ESSEL, or Empresa de Servicios Sanitarios del Libertador SA, supplies more than 500,000 people of Chile's sixth region with water and wastewater services. In fiscal 2000, the company generated net sales of approximately US\$24 million. With this move, Thames Water further expands its position in the Chilean water market. Together with its majority interest in ESSBIO in Concepcion, and the franchise acquisition of ESSAM, the company now has a market share of 20% in Chile.

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