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WARDEN BIOMEDIA CHOSEN FOR SWALLOW FIELDS BUSINESS PARK WASTEWATER TREATMENT UPGRADING PROJECT BY MARSH INDUSTRIES

The Swallow Fields Business Park in Hailsham Sussex was developed in open countryside with no main sewage connections. The development is a mix of residential, business and retail accommodation. A major concern for BNP PARIBAS, the Consultant Engineer, and the Environment Agency was the effective treatment and disposal of the raw sewage from the site where there is such variable loading. Marsh worked with CM Environmental on the design of the project. An Ultra Polylok 100PE plant was specified.

Biomarble was selected from Warden Biomedica random filter media range to provide ultra-efficient and cost-effective aerobic treatment in the March sewage treatment plant.

With the philosophy of increased surface area, the eco-friendly trickling filter and biological filter media are injection-moulded in recycled polypropylene with specific design features to increase the efficiency of the effluent treatment process.

In a choice of spherical and tube formats, to suit the application, the random filter media provide excellent ventilation to speed-up the aerobic reaction, and also have high voidage to prevent blocking (and the resulting slowing-down) of the wastewater treatment process that might occur.

With purpose-designed features, the media in the Warden Biomedica filter range are an excellent alternative to traditional mineral-based media and are ideal for improved performance in new wastewater treatment plants. In addition they are perfect for overcoming problems in established trickling filter beds. Polypropylene biological filter media of the relevant dimensions can replace all or part of the mineral-based media to improve system efficiency where it has become impaired by overloading.

The excellent ventilation and high voidage performance of the Warden Biomarble media make them extremely effective in wastewater treatment applications. They are injection-moulded in polypropylene with specific design features to increase the efficiency of the biological process. Triangular fins increase the total surface area and encourage the formation of the biological films of bacteria, protozoa and fungi which will eat and biologically break down the organic content. The shape of the media has a significant influence

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on application and must be considered along specific surface area and void ratio. The surface area of media will be covered with biofilm. Attached growth bacteria will function cooperatively with suspended bacteria, thus its efficiency is higher when compared with other systems. The design also ensures high voidage to prevent blocking that might otherwise slow down the process. The serrated edges of the fins enable them to interlock in the filter bed giving excellent mechanical strength.

Steve Boyer, Director at Marsh Industries said, “**Marsh Industries works closely with Warden Biomedica and the two companies have a long established working relationship. Warden’s filter media have always met all of our expectations for efficiency and performance in our wastewater treatment package plants**”.



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