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USTDA SUPPORTS NAIROBI'S EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE ITS WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

NAIROBI, KENYA – On September 19, 2011, USTDA awarded a \$371,508 grant to the Ministry of Water and Irrigation of Kenya, acting through the Athi Water Services Board (AWSB), to assess options to modernize the Kariobangi wastewater treatment facility in Nairobi. Successful redevelopment of the Kariobangi facility will reduce pollution in the Athi River and Indian Ocean, and reduce energy consumption at the wastewater plant.

The study will provide AWSB options for increasing the facility's capacity, compare sludge processing technologies, and also evaluate sludge-to-energy technologies. In addition, the study will also include a detailed description of U.S. technological solutions that are available to modernize the facility.

Given the growing business potential for wastewater treatment technology in Kenya, USTDA assistance for this type of project is integral to positioning U.S. companies to win market share. Already, AWSB representatives have expressed interest in implementing the project using high quality U.S. wastewater products and technologies.

“Modernization of the Kariobangi facility will reduce pollution, provide opportunities for U.S. firms, and create a model for sustainable water infrastructure development throughout Kenya,” said USTDA Director Leocadia I Zak. “This project is a priority for the Government of Kenya and USTDA is proud to support it.”

The feasibility study will be carried out by Coler & Colantonio, Inc. of Norwell, MA.

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