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MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT EARNS HONORS FROM AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES

ISELIN, NJ March 26, 2012 —CDM Smith and its project client, Middlesex Water Company, (NASDAQ:MSEX) have been recognized with an Honor Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) New Jersey for their world record-setting water main installation project which conveys water from the City of Perth Amboy to the Borough of Sayreville beneath the Raritan River. The team received the award at the 41st Annual Engineering Excellence Awards held at Forsgate Country Club in mid-March. The Excellence Awards celebrate New Jersey's engineering profession and its contribution to our economy, health and safety and quality of life.

CDM Smith partnered with Middlesex in May, 2010 to repair a 104-year old cast iron water main that, due to the corrosiveness of the surrounding environment, had experienced several breaks resulting in costly emergency repairs and service disruptions. CDM Smith and Middlesex evaluated several construction methods including open-cut trenching, microtunneling, pipe jacking, conventional tunneling before selecting the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) approach.

HDD offered significant advantages over open-cut construction, providing a reliable, long-term solution while lowering costs and preserving the natural environment in surrounding areas. CDM Smith overcame a number of challenges to complete this complex project, resolving geotechnical, design, risk planning and construction issues. The final water main design consisted of 5,365 feet of 24-inch fusible polyvinyl chloride (FPVC), the longest 24-inch diameter FPVC pipe installation completed in the world to date that greatly enhanced Middlesex Water's central Jersey's potable water supply.

"We were delighted to partner with CDM Smith and our other partners in this historic project that continues to earn critical acclaim for its pioneering design and strategic execution. This approach provided the best value for the cost, and will enhance reliability of the water supply in a large section of our New Jersey system for years to come," said Dennis Doll, MWC President and CEO.

CDM Smith, a full-service consulting, engineering, construction and operations firm, provides lasting and integrated solutions in water, environment, transportation, energy and facilities to public and private clients worldwide. For more information, visit www.cdmsmith.com

Middlesex Water Company, established in 1897, is a provider of water, wastewater and related services, primarily in New Jersey and Delaware. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water, visit www.middlesexwater.com

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