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Hydrologic Wins Energy Globe National Award

[Hydrologic Social Enterprise Ltd](#) is pleased to announce that it has received the prestigious [National Energy Globe Award for Cambodia 2013](#). The Energy Globe National Award is one of today's most prestigious environmental awards that recognize best practices in sustainable solutions from around the world. Cambodian social enterprise Hydrologic manufactures ceramic water filters which provide clean water to rural households, reduce the amount of wood burnt to boil water, create local jobs and bolster economic development.

Untreated water and poor sanitation cause an estimated 10 million cases of diarrhea and 10,000 deaths each year in Cambodia. Most are children under the age of five in rural areas - where less than 5% of people have piped water, and available water sources are often contaminated. An innovative approach to improve this situation is shown by this year's winner. A locally produced ceramic water filter offers a low-cost alternative that provides clean drinking water in rural Cambodia. Through trained sales agents, water filters are sold directly in villages ensuring affordable drinking water for all.

Hydrologic was established in 2010 by international non-governmental organization [iDE](#) (formerly International Development Enterprises). More than 300,000 filters have been sold to date in Cambodia by Hydrologic and iDE, generating impressive social and environmental impact. Independent research showed that ceramic water filter users experienced a 46% reduction in the incidence of diarrhea and a financial gain of \$73 per household due to saved medical bills and less time lost to illness.

By displacing water boiling practices, the water filters are helping Cambodian households to avoid the unsustainable burning of wood, saving 73,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions in the past year. As a result of this positive environmental impact, in December 2012 Hydrologic had their first carbon credits issued by the voluntary Gold Standard scheme, the award winning certification standard for carbon mitigation projects.

Founded In 1999 by the Austrian energy pioneer, Wolfgang Neumann, Energy Globe is one of today's most prestigious environmental awards. Successful winners present projects that demonstrate the very best sustainable practices in energy efficiency, renewable energy and conservation of resources. Competitors come from all over the world (151 countries) and over 1,000 projects are submitted annually across five categories: earth, fire, water, air and youth.

Hydrologic is also contender for the water category of the International Energy Globe Award and a €10,000 prize. The International prize will be selected by an international jury and will be announced June 5th2013.

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