

Piramal Sarvajal has been acknowledged as global pioneer in remote tracking decentralized water solution

- ***Receives ISO 9001:2008 Certification for successful compliance of its Management System with the ISO guidelines***

Mumbai, 14 May 2014: Piramal Sarvajal, an initiative under Piramal Foundation, has received an **ISO 9001:2008 Certificate** for successful compliance of its management system with the ISO guidelines. The system was audited by **Bureau Veritas**, a credible certification body in India for assessing the effectiveness of certification process and QMS status by Quality Council of India (QCI).

Through a rigorous on-site audit conducted by the agency, all the processes and procedures defined by Piramal Sarvajal were observed to be in alignment with the ISO 9001:2008 standard norms. The audit at Piramal Sarvajal facilities focused on procedures, documentations, instructions and policies to adhere to Quality Management System (QMS) in terms of customer orientation, employee participation and quality improvement. The certification was **granted in April 2014 which will be in effect until 2017**.

150 million people in India do not yet have access to clean drinking water, and 40 million of them die due to water borne diseases. It is estimated we also lose an estimated 73 million working days, erasing USD 600 million in economic value just due to the lack of clean drinking water. Piramal Sarvajal is a social enterprise that Piramal Foundation runs to provide an innovative and technology-centric answer to this problem.

Vasu Padmanabhan, CEO – Piramal Sarvajal said, "I am pleased to see Piramal Sarvajal scaling newer heights and with the achievement of ISO 9001:2008 certification, it has gone a step ahead. Since 2008, Piramal Sarvajal has been providing affordable safe drinking water and is currently serving to 120,000 people on a daily basis and offers employment to over 500 people. **This ISO certification acknowledges Piramal Sarvajal as global pioneer in remote tracking decentralized water solution.** It is a testament of our continued high quality service and compliances which motivates us to maintain the best operational and management system in India."

Piramal Sarvajal presently operates in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. In resettlement colonies at Savda Ghevra, New Delhi, Piramal Sarvajal has a Public Private Partnership project with Delhi Jal Board (DJB) where safe drinking water is been provided through yet another Piramal Sarvajal innovation "Solar powered ATMs" for as low as 30 paise per litre.

About Piramal Foundation:

Piramal Foundation strongly believes that there are several untapped innovative solutions that can address India's most pressing problems. Piramal Foundation plays an impactful role in implementing and facilitating such projects. Each social project that is chosen to be funded and nurtured by the Piramal Foundation fits into one of the four broad areas – **healthcare, education, livelihood creation and youth empowerment**. The Foundation strives to develop transformative, scalable and replicable solutions to address issues that are critical roadblocks towards unlocking India's economic potential.

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