Consolidated Water Co. Ltd. Announces Water Purchase Contract for Affiliate's Bar Bay Plant in British Virgin Islands

GEORGE TOWN, GRAND CAYMAN, CAYMAN ISLANDS, Mar 08, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Consolidated Water Co. Ltd. (NASDAQ: CWCO) today announced that its affiliate, Ocean Conversion (BVI) Ltd. ("OC-BVI") and the British Virgin Islands Government have signed a definitive contract for the purchase of water by the Government from OC-BVI's desalination plant located at Bar Bay, Tortola, BVI. CWCO owns a 43.5% equity interest in OC-BVI.

The contract requires OC-BVI to complete a storage reservoir on the Government site within 12 months. The initial contract is for a seven-year term, with a seven-year extension option exercisable by the Government. Under the terms of the contract, the Government is obligated to purchase at least 600,000 US gallons of water per day from the Bar Bay plant, which has a total production capacity of 700,000 US gallons per day. The Bar Bay Plant has been delivering water to the Government since January 2009 under a Heads of Terms agreement that was signed between the parties in December 2008.

"We are very pleased to announce that our BVI affiliate has formally contracted with the BVI Government for the purchase of water produced by its Bar Bay plant in Eastern Tortola," stated Rick McTaggart, President and Chief Executive Officer of Consolidated Water Co. Ltd. "This signing, which marks the successful conclusion of a long negotiation process, demonstrates OC-BVI's commitment to provide a safe and reliable supply of potable water to the islands."

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About Consolidated Water Co. Ltd.

Consolidated Water Co. Ltd. develops and operates seawater desalination plants and water distribution systems in areas of the world where naturally occurring supplies of potable water are scarce or nonexistent. The Company operates water production and/or distribution facilities in the Cayman Islands, Belize, the British Virgin Islands and The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and Bermuda. Additional information on the Company is available on its website at http://www.cwco.com.

Consolidated Water Co. Ltd. is headquartered in George Town, Grand Cayman, in the Cayman Islands. The Company's ordinary (common) shares are traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "CWCO". Additional information on the Company is available on its website at http://www.cwco.com.

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