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### CITY OF WAYCROSS' WATER TREATMENT FACILITY RECOGNIZED AS WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OF THE YEAR

DULUTH, GA (APRIL 14, 2009)—The City of Waycross, Georgia in partnership with ESG Operations, Inc. received the coveted “Plant of the Year Award” from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) in recognition for the best operated and maintained water treatment facility in Georgia serving 2500 to 10,000 connections. This award followed both the City’s water and wastewater treatment facilities receiving the prestigious Gold Awards for complete and consistent compliance with stringent water quality permit requirements for the calendar year 2008.

Gold Awards are presented annually in recognition of municipalities that are able to maintain the exceptionally high standards of water quality required by their individual permits. The GAWP Gold Award Program acknowledges municipalities for their environmental stewardship and dedication to keeping Georgia’s natural waterways and tap water safe.

“It is imperative that municipalities inform their citizenry of the exceptional progress our industry has made in environmental protection. GAWP is honored to recognize pace-setting performance in the water resource field as this leadership is essential to a prosperous future for all Georgians,” said GAWP Executive Director Jack Dozier.



Photo By SCOTT COOPER

*City officials and ESG managers and employees celebrated on Tuesday, April 21, their “2009 Plant of the Year” award for the “perfect” operation of the city’s wastewater and drinking water facilities.*

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Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) is a not-for-profit Association dedicated to education, increased public understanding, and promotion of sound public laws and programs in water resources and related environmental fields. GAWP is Georgia’s largest professional water organization consisting of over 4,000 members who implement state and federal water supply, water protection, and water resource laws and regulations.

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