

## **Mekorot, Israel's national water company, signed a cooperation agreement with CheckLight Ltd, for installing an online water contamination bio-monitor in Eshkol site, as part of a national pilot.**

**Tel Aviv, Israel, November 16, 2009** – Mekorot, Israel's national water company, has signed a cooperation agreement with CheckLight Ltd, a leading provider of advanced bioluminescence-based early warning solution for rapid detection of contamination in drinking water.

As part of the agreement, Mekorot will evaluate CheckLight's continuous contamination Biomonitor (AquaVerity –CCB), by conducting comprehensive experiments and verifying its compliance to Mekorot's high water quality standards.

The first unit will be installed in "Eshkol" - Mekorot's central filtering site, which is the only one of its kind in the country and the world's 4<sup>th</sup> largest filtering site, having an annual capacity of up to 500 million liters.

"Mekorot's water quality technology is one of the most advanced in the world. We believe that the innovative technology of CheckLight will enhance our ability to detect contamination in drinking water in real-time, in a wider coverage range and at lower concentrations than the advanced technologies used today ", said Mr. Ido Rosolio, CEO of Mekorot.

Eyal Mor, CheckLight's CEO sees the cooperation with Mekorot as a major milestone in the company's development. "Mekorot is well-known as one of the world's leaders in ensuring drinking water quality & safety, and it is clear that a successful project with Mekorot could lead to many potential deals with other leading water utilities around the world."

By signing the agreement, CheckLight is joining Mekorot's WaTech™ - Entrepreneurship & Partnership Center for Water Technologies.

Mr. Rosolio, Mekorot CEO explained that through the WaTech platform, Mekorot offers early-stage entrepreneurs beta-site and commercial platforms, technology analysis and support, access to global markets, and assistance with strategic partners and capital.

## **About CheckLight**

Founded in 2001 by Dr. Nirit Ulitzur, CheckLight Ltd. is a private company, based in Israel. Since its foundation CheckLight has engaged extensively in developing and marketing technologies for drinking water quality testing applications.

In early 2008 WhiteWater ([www.w-water.com](http://www.w-water.com)), a leading Israeli water technologies company, has become a strategic investor in CheckLight.

CheckLight's products are being successfully used by China's Environmental Protection Ministry, leading water labs in Europe and North America, the Israeli National Water company, and more.

## **About Mekorot - WaTech™**

WaTech™ manages collaborative technology and research ventures for Mekorot in Israel and other countries, and provides assistance in the finding of innovative solutions for the technological needs of the company, as well as commercializing collaborative ventures and the extensive know-how accumulated by Mekorot over the course of the decades that it has been operating. As part of the collaboration, WaTech™ helps define and characterize products and technologies, and may also invest in companies subject to its professional judgment and business models.

WaTech™ emphasizes the identification of eco-friendly technologies, including for those targeted at the removal of contaminants from water sources, environmentally friendly disinfectants, and technologies for the discovery and identification of environmental damage.