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OSI Australia Reduces Water Consumption by 15 percent in Blacktown Facility

Meat company uses recycled water and recaptured rainwater in its conservation efforts.

Blacktown NSW, Australia, August 15, 2010 – As corporate responsibility and sustainability become increasingly important across the globe, OSI Australia has made considerable efforts to reduce water consumption in its Blacktown facility. By capturing rainwater and recycling defrosted water from processing lines for its spiral freezer, approximately 20 kilolitres of water per day are being collected and reused. The OSI team was able to utilize this reclaimed water for truck washing, facility landscaping and replenishing evaporative losses on its five cooling towers.

“The ability to reduce consumption and repurpose this water for other tasks and processes makes not only ecological sense, but economical sense as well,” said Jon Smithe, OSI’s Facility Leader at the Blacktown location. “We strive to be good corporate citizens and take the environment into consideration whenever we can. It is a bonus that it reduces our costs. This was a simple and inexpensive solution that was also the right thing to do.”

The company increased their defrost water storage capacity by 11 kilolitres, giving them a water storage capacity of 34 kilolitres in total. This has also reduced the need for hot gas defrosting by 3600 kilolitres per year. The fresh water needed for their cooling towers has now been reduced by another 1500 kilolitres annually.



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