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AQUAFINE CORPORATION ACQUIRED BY HACH COMPANY

VALENCIA, CA –DECEMBER 5, 2005— Aquafine Corporation, a leading manufacturer of ultraviolet equipment for industrial applications, announced today that it has been acquired by Hach Company of Loveland, Colorado. The purchase price paid was not disclosed.

Roberta Veloz, outgoing Chairman of Aquafine, confirmed that Aquafine had decided to partner with Hach as a result of the parties' shared strategic vision. Veloz stated, "Hach's synergistic integration and core business platforms seamlessly fit Aquafine's long-term strategic business goals. Aquafine's management team is excited about the new opportunities that this partnership will provide to the company and its customers. Together with its sister companies, Aquafine will work to better serve existing and emerging markets. This transaction provides the company a platform enabling it to continue to invest in its key core values, value for its customer, value in its products and value for its industry, while maintaining the industrial and commercial excellence for which the company has a well-established reputation. Hach's commitment to strong organic growth and environmental business platforms and services, coupled with Aquafine's leading edge UV technology, provides a unique opportunity to address customers' needs through innovation and product advancements, while accelerating growth on a global basis. This transaction makes Aquafine a stronger company for its customers, distributors and employees."

Tom Joyce, Hach Company's President, commented, "Aquafine constitutes a key addition to our environmental platform. The combination with Aquafine further evidences our commitment to

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water treatment previously demonstrated by our 2004 acquisition of Trojan Technologies and adds another premier brand in this key segment. Aquafine will continue to operate from its long time home in Valencia, California, and serve as the center of excellence for our industrial and commercial water treatment business.”

Aquafine Corporation (www.aquafineuv.com), headquartered in Valencia, California, was established in 1949, and pioneered the use of UV in the water treatment marketplace. It has been a leader and product innovator for the industrial and commercial market sectors for over 55 years. Hach Company (www.hach.com) provides advanced analytical systems and technical support for water quality testing, with solutions for lab, process, and field.

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