

MALT PRODUCTION PLANT - GERMANY

Project Background

The Malzfabrik Rheinpfalz produces approx. 30.000 tonnes of "Pilsner" and "Münchener" malt every year. Organically contaminated process water is incurred during the malting process (approx. 250 m³/d). Both the provision of fresh water and the disposal of waste water are associated with high costs. By using a membrane bio-reactor (MBR), perfectly hygienic process water is generated which can be redirected into the barley separating filter.

Project Description

The plant essentially comprises a 250 m³ equalisation tank, an aerated stimulation reactor (280 m³), an MBR container with the filtration modules and the entire measurement, controls and switch gear.

Project Features

First of all, a pilot test was successfully implemented on site over a period of six months using original waste water. Only a limited construction area was available for the industrial-scale plant. On account of the neuralgic location in the heart of the city, the most stringent requirements apply with regards to noise and sound emissions.

- Benefits:
- Reduction in specific water consumption ("water footprint") in production
 - Reduction of the operating costs
 - Compliance with the emission specifications (noise and smell)

Technical Data

Waste water	250 m ³ /d
COD	2.500 mg/l
pH	6.5-7.5
Temp.	20°C

Project Duration

- August 2011 - June 2012



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