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## **UNDP partners with Byco Petroleum Pakistan Limited to conserve water**

**7 November 2019, Islamabad** — United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) & Byco Petroleum Pakistan Limited (BPPL) have signed an MOU to undertake Water Conservation initiatives by saving the water that is wasted, at Car Wash Stations, by re-using it. UNDP has developed an indigenous and cost-effective Water Recycling Prototype which recycles 5000 liters of water.

UNDP's Resident Representative a.i. Mr. Ignacio Artaza, said on the occasion, "Pakistan faces extreme water scarcity challenges. We have identified efficient and cost-effective water recycling solutions by saving the water wasted during a car wash. We are pleased that Byco Petroleum Pakistan Limited (BPPL) is planning to expand the installation of these 'Waste-Water Recycling Plants' across its retail network."

Mr. Azfar Saeed Baig, Byco's Vice President, remarked on this occasion, "Sustainability is at the core of Byco's values. Byco is pleased to partner with the UNDP to launch these Recycled Water Treatment Plants at Byco's retail outlets. We look forward to building this partnership into a strong alliance with UNDP, towards the Sustainable Development Goal 6: Water Conservation."

The signing ceremony was attended by UNDP Resident Representative a.i. Mr. Ignacio Artaza, Mr. Azfar Saeed Baig VP AHR, Byco Petroleum Pakistan Limited (BPPL), Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Assistant Resident Representative UNDP, Mr. Shehryar Ahmad, Head of Communication, Byco Petroleum Pakistan Limited (BPPL), and Mr. Mudassar Qadeer, Head of Petroleum Marketing and Terminals, Byco Petroleum Pakistan Limited (BPPL).

The year 2025 has been marked as the year when Pakistan might turn from a "water-stressed" country to a "water-scarce" country. Pakistan has only a 30-day water storage capacity while the water shortage is at 106 million gallons per day. Based on the findings of a recent survey, a service station uses about 19,000 Liters of water per day. Car service sectors have been identified for having an enormous potential to conserve and re-use large volumes of water.

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