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**Schneider Electric Buildings Finland Oy (formerly TAC Finland Oy) is beginning to offer the energy saving REALice water treatment system to its customers. In Finland, REALice is imported and represented by H2oVortex/Yamamotor Finland Oy.**

**REALice water treatment system** is intended for the energy saving and quality improvement of artificial ice tracks. REALice is a patented product of the Swedish company Watreco Ab. It's based on water treatment, using Vortex-technology. The method is based on manipulating the properties of water, using the vortex motion that builds up inside the device. No additives or chemicals are needed, nor does REALice need any external source of energy; it uses the force created by the water flowing.

Due to this water treatment method, Watreco Ab got the **Cleantech Company- reward 2009** last September in Stockholm, given during the biggest investment day of Cleantech in Scandinavia.

REALice has been in use in Finland since 2008 and according to research has helped to attain up to **15-20 per cent energy savings**. In addition, it lessens the stress on compressors and reduces the accumulation of lime

Schneider Electric, which in their large energy saving projects aspires to tighten up its clients' energy consumption, sees this system as a great tool to develop energy efficiency, based on user experience and actual energy savings by Finnish indoor skating rinks.

"The use of Vortex-system has enabled higher temperatures of ice and lower temperatures of water used when shaving the ice. These are factors that, without a doubt, improve the energy efficiency of indoor skating rinks.

Water treatment using Vortex-system, without chemicals or external work force, will certainly have many interesting usage targets which we are more than happy to be part of", says Svante Häggblom, Project Development Manager for Schneider Electric.

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