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ASTEC Water

ASTEC is furnishing MWRI (Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation) with a state-of-the-art Library Management System to help better manage Egypt's water resources and optimise its activities in Egypt. ASTEC's advanced solutions have massive potential for use by a wide range of enterprises and government organizations in both Egypt and the Middle East. Advanced German Technology (AGT), a leading supplier of European-made premier information security products, solutions and services introduced ASTEC's innovative knowledge management

system to Egypt.

The fully Arabicized system saves information in virtually all existing formats, including RTF, PDF, HTML, XML, JPEG, TIFF, WAV and MPEG. "Just as the Nile is central to the geography of Egypt so the management of the country's water supply, and the flow of information about it, is vital to the life of the nation," says Mr Klaus-Dieter Kees, Managing Director of ASTEC. Mr Kees explains that ASTEC's advanced solutions have massive potential for use by a wide range of organizations in both Egypt and the rest of the region. "All

enterprises and government organizations can greatly benefit from library management system technology," he says. "For example our many and varied clients in Germany include the German Parliament's Library; the Federal Armed Forces; the Federal Office for Environment Protection; the Federal Ministry for Traffic, Building and Housing; the Federal Ministry for Consumer Protection, Nutrition, and Agriculture; the Germanic National Museum...amongst many others."

Mr Kees also told us how the system was practically run, "We have been developing software for 25 years now and we only develop software - it is our business to be up to date. Our system runs on different platforms; Windows, Unix and Linux platforms. Egypt is running our first arabised system, in the MWRI, and we are currently looking for other libraries in Egypt and the Arab world... In Egypt, I always think of the National Egyptian Museum."