

**Environmental Engineering** 

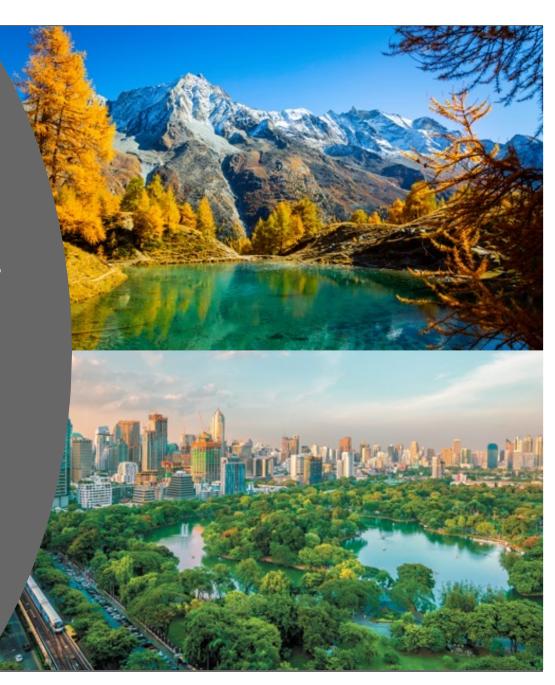
**Company Profile** 



#### Clean, Precious Water

- Decontamination and restoration of waterways
- Treatment and dewatering of industrial sludge
- Removal of silt, sludge, sand and trash
- Treatment and separation of all materials
- Ready for recycling of materials

ALL IN ONE SYSTEM!



# **Wt Swiss** Your Partner for

### Your Partner for Environmental Engineering

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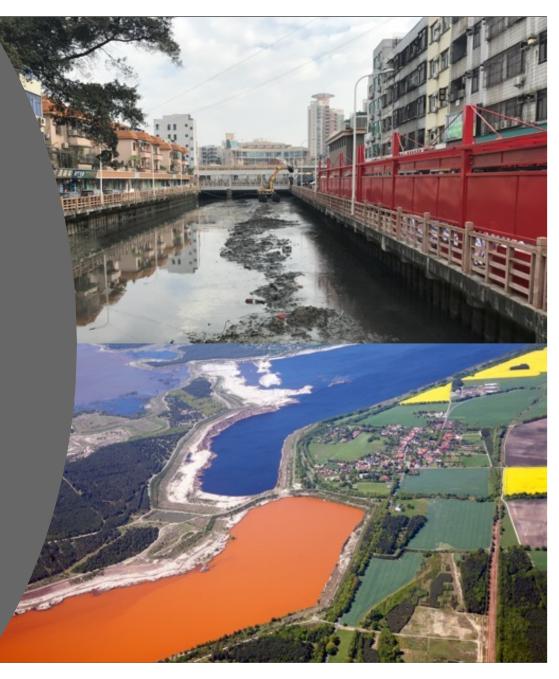
Uwt.swiss develops and produces sludge treatment systems for the restoration of waterways and for industrial sludge treatment. We offer ,best in class' separation, sludge treatment and dewatering machines in one fully integrated system, managed by our propriety Automated Intelligence Control System AICS.

### Market Research



- During the last 100 years many waterways have been filled up by mud and sludge caused by industrialization, civilization and natural process
- Unfiltered wastewater from factories, the mining industry and households have been dumped into waterways over the years.
- The economical and ecological damages run into the billions dollars every year (flooding damage, water contamination)
- Countries and regions invest hundreds of millions every year for restoration and cleaning waterways
- Traditional methods of extraction are expensive with no opportunity for recycling
- Sludge and trash in the waterways contain valuable substances, which can be recycled

Our system is the only solution worldwide





### Market Research



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Eastern German coal regions secure € 1.4 bn for renaturation pf opencast mines



Last year Congress and the Biden Administration delivered on historic investments in water programs which brought significant funding to the Great Lakes region. The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) included nearly \$50 billion in water infrastructure



All eleven dams in Hong Kong are heavily silted, reducing water capacity significantly. Without intervention, they won't meet Hong Kong's water needs in 10 years. Desilting is estimated to cost \$2 billion USD.



The government has approved an 11-year plan for rehabilitating Klong Saen Saep, one of Bangkok's main water transport routes, in a project worth 82.5 billion baht.



### Areas of Applications

#### **RESTORATION - RENATURATION**

- Restoration of waterways
- Decontamination of waterways
- Restoration of dams and reservoirs

#### PROTECTION

- Treatment and processing of drilling sludge
- Extrusion and tunnel construction
- Processing of gravel and sand
- Soil washing plants
- Food industry
- Mining plants





### **Our Global Environment Strategy**

More than ≈30 % of global methane emissions are caused by inland waters (rivers, lakes, ponds etc.) referring to an area of 3 to 4 % of the earth's land surface (excluding glacier zones). Emissions are caused nearly exclusive by water's sediments.

New state-of-the-art technologies from our system supplemented and combined by traditional seminatural technologies open new challenging and promising opportunities of a holistic, ecological and GHG minimizing ways to rehabilitate / improve urban, industrial, and agricultural surface waters.

Our system enabling a worldwide unique high-efficient treatment and dewatering of dredged sediments.

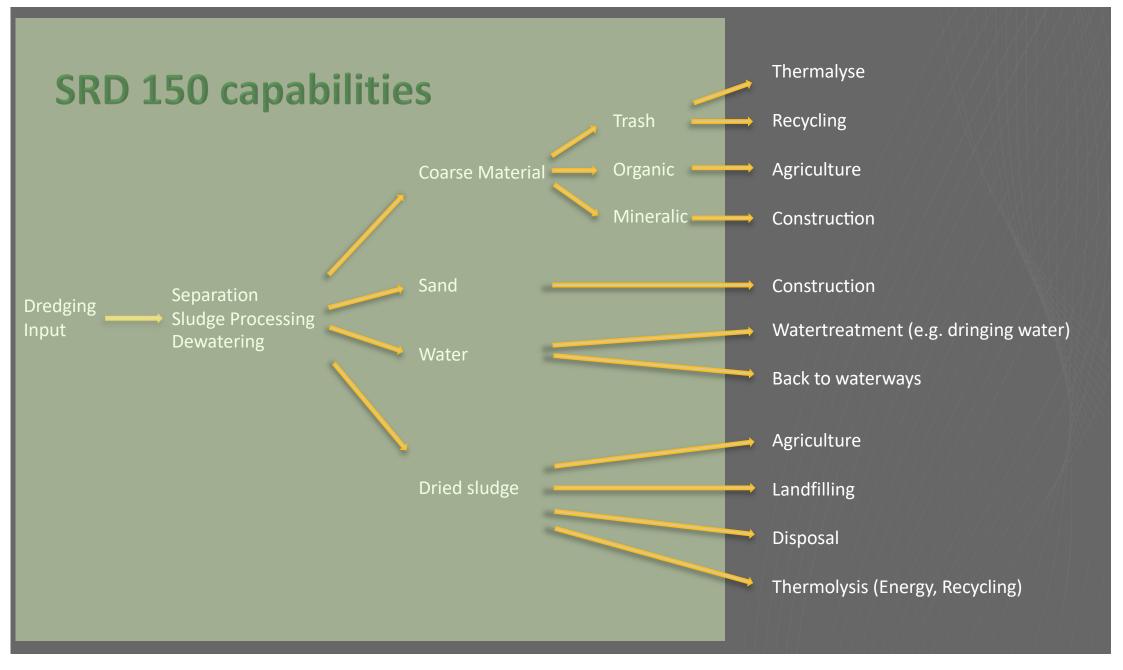
Core effects of sediment dredging are:

- Removing sources of GHG emissions
- Enlargement of available water volume, i.e., improvement flood protection management, improvement self-cleaning potential of water, improvement water quality and decrease of human health risk.
- Urban mining of sources e.g., sediment fractions and/or silty clay and clayey sediment as raw materials for high-quality pavements

Furthermore, waterway owners, often governmental bodies, can capitalize on the opportunity to sell carbon credits, significantly offsetting the costs of waterway restoration. This presents a unique and farreaching opportunity for governments to restore their waterways comprehensively.



# SRD 150 – Urban Mining





# SRD 150 – The Capabilities

- The SRD 150 system
  - separates sand, which can be sold to the construction industry
  - separates trash, which can be recycled or properly disposed of
  - separates organic and mineralic material, which can be reused in the agricultural and construction industries
  - conditions and dewaters the sludge to a highly dry substance grade these sludge filter cakes can be reused in many different ways
- The SRD 150 system converts the filtrate water into clear water
  - The clear water can be safely discharged back to the waterways or can be further processed by additional water treatment systems (for instance drinking water treatment plants)



# SRD 150 – The Business Case

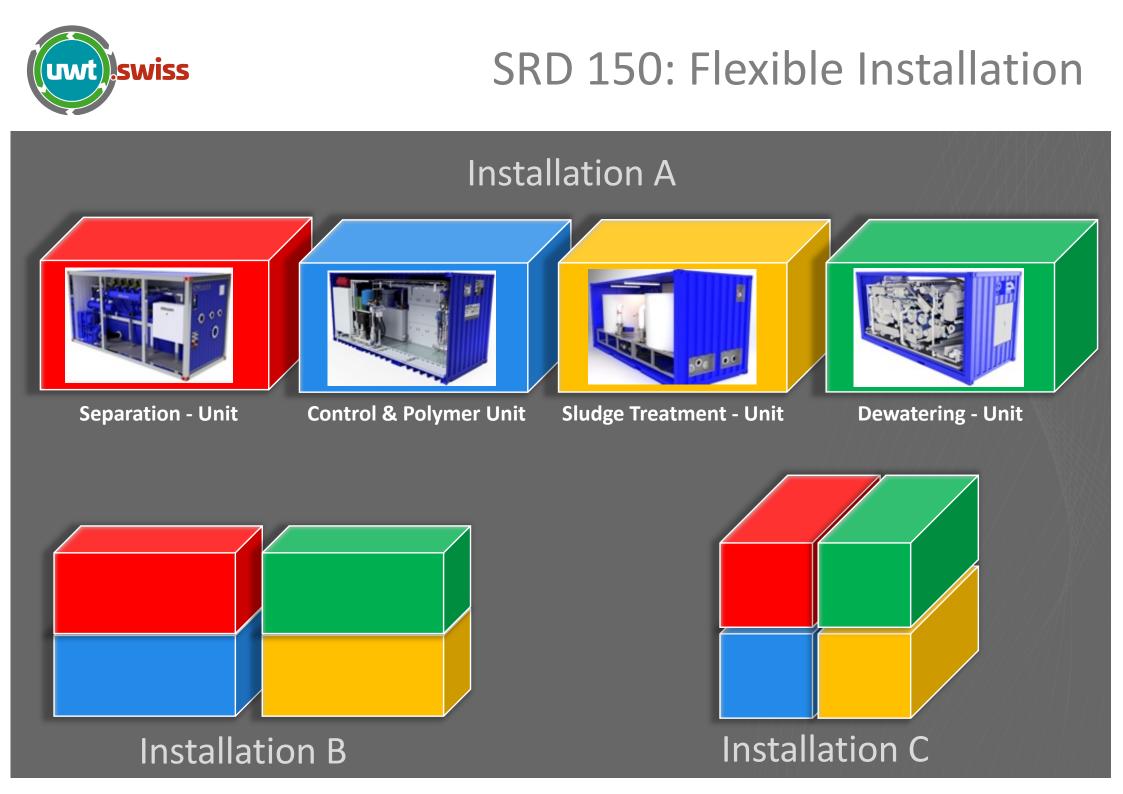
- The SRD 150 a compact mobile system consisting of a Separation Unit, a Sludge Treatment Unit, a Dewatering Unit and a Polymer and Process Water Unit
- Easily installed, with a reduced footprint, due to the compact design
- Easily expandable for instance the output capacity of the dry sludge can be doubled by just adding a sludge treatment unit and a dewatering unit to the standard SRD150 configuration
- The Automated Intelligence Control System (AICS) proprietary software that uses dozens of sensors to efficiently manage the whole process across the 4 units
- greater efficiences and reduced environmental risks
- Lower Capital costs compared to purchasing each machine separately from other vendors
- A Return on Investment (ROI) within one year
- Lower Operational costs:
  - just one operator can manage the whole system,
  - less polymer required
  - Less electricity consumption



# SRD 150 – All in One System

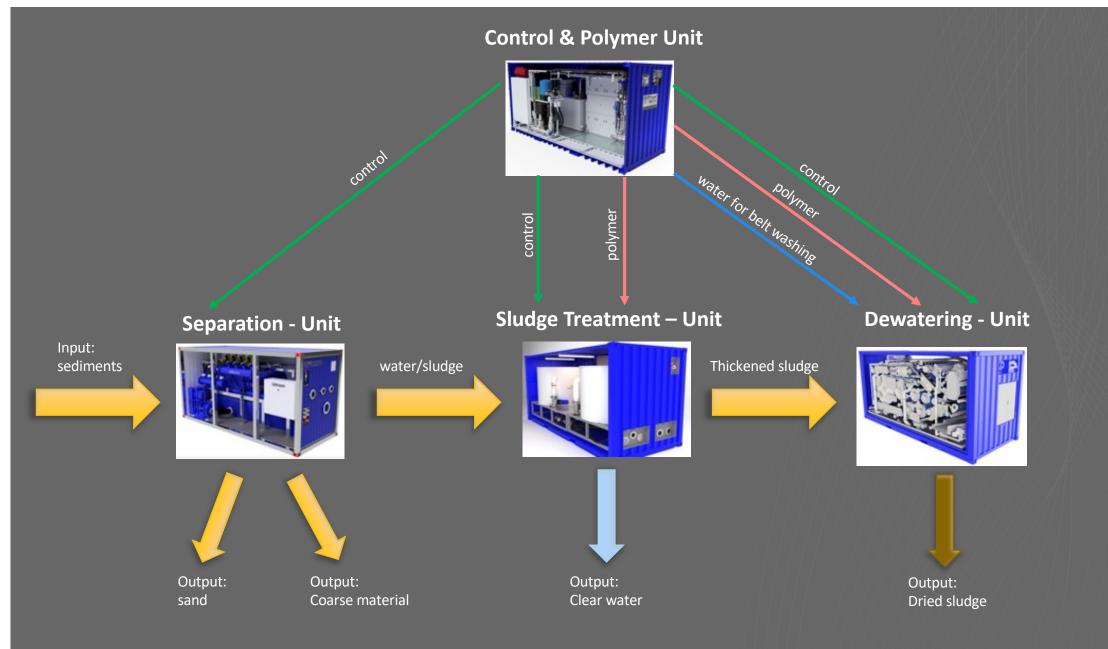
- The SRD 150 System consists of 4 fully integrated units, installed in in 20' containers.
- The Separation Unit separates coarse material, sand and water/sludge suspension. Coarse material and sand are dewatered and discharged separately.
- The water/sludge suspension is then pumped into the Sludge Treatment Unit, where the sludge is sedimented and thickened by adding a polymer solution, discharging clear water.
- The sedimented and thickened sludge is pumped to the **Dewatering Unit**, where the sludge is dewatered up to 75% dryness. The filtrate water is pumped back to the Separation Unit and is processed through the whole system again in order to discharge only clear water .
- The Polymer and Control Unit consists of a polymer station, process water station and the Automated Intelligence Control System (AICS). This Control System manages the overall processes in a fully automated way.







### SRD 150: process scheme





# SRD 150 – Highlights

Specifications	Description
Mobility	Best mobility, all units in 20' Containers
Total installation footprint	Approx 100m <sup>2</sup> (containers are stackable)
Capacity (discharge)	Sand: 20t/h Sludge filter cakes: 10t/h Coarse material: 10t/h
Safety	All units are built in 20' lockable containers
Maintenance	Easy to maintain, low maintenance costs
Control system	Automated Intelligence Control System (AICS)
Polymer station	Fully integrated and automated polymer system
Abrasion	Very low rate of abrasion
Process water	Consumption is only 6-15m <sup>3</sup> /h (depending on configuration)
Smart Sensors	Over 60 sensors in the whole system



# SRD 150 - Advantages

- Our SRD 150-system combines 4 machines in one compact and mobile system!
  - Separation unit
  - Sludge Treatment unit
  - Dewatering unit
  - Polymer & Process Water unit
- The purchase costs of our SRD 150 is much lower, than the purchase costs of each machine separately from other vendors.
- The investment is paid back within one year of operations due to very low operational costs
- Compared to other dewatering systems the SRD 150 dewatering unit needs just 8 kW per hour. For example, the power consumption of a centrifugal extractor is over 100 kW per hour and the purchase costs and the maintenance costs of a centrifugal extractor is many time higher than our dewatering unit (SRD 150).
- The SRD 150 needs just one person to operate the whole system and consumes less electricity and polymer. The SRD 150 operating costs are much lower than with other third party machines.
- The SRD 150 output capacity is easy to expand e.g. adding a thickener unit and a dewatering unit to the standard configuration doubles the output capacity.



# SRD 150 - Advantages

- All 4 units are connected in the fully integrated SRD 150, and are centrally managed by our AICS software control system, greatly increasing efficiency
- Greatly reduced environmental with dozens of sensors to monitor all events
- Easy to install, with a smaller footprint, due to standardized 20' container system
- The SRD 150 system separates sand, which can be sold to construction industry
- The SRD 150 system separates trash, which can also recycled or properly disposed
- The SRD 150 system separates organics and minerals, which can be reused in the agriculture and construction industries
- The SRD 150 system conditions and dewaters the sludge to a high dry substance grade. Therefore the disposal costs are reduced by over 50% or the sludge cakes can be reused in many different ways.
- Our SRD 150 system changes the filtrate water into clear water. The clear water can be safely discharged back to the waterways or can be further processed by additional water treatment systems, like drinking water treatment plants

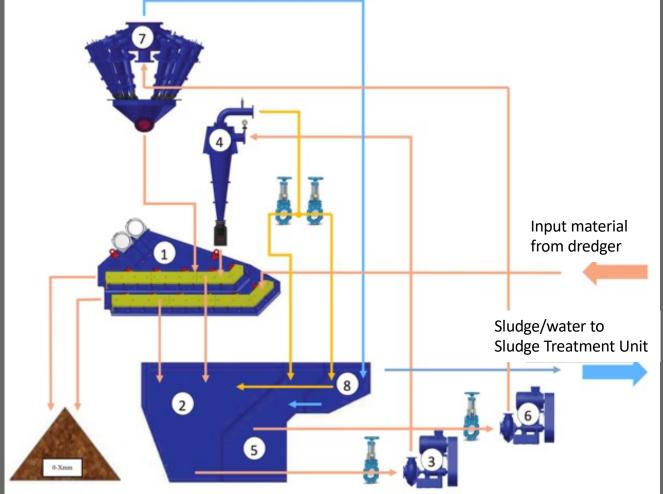


# SRD 150 – Separation Unit





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The input material, pumped by dredger, will go through the 1st vibrating screen, lower deck 1 > separates coarse material.

The rest material (sludge/water/sand) will go into the tank 2 and is pumped 3 into first hydrocyclone 4.

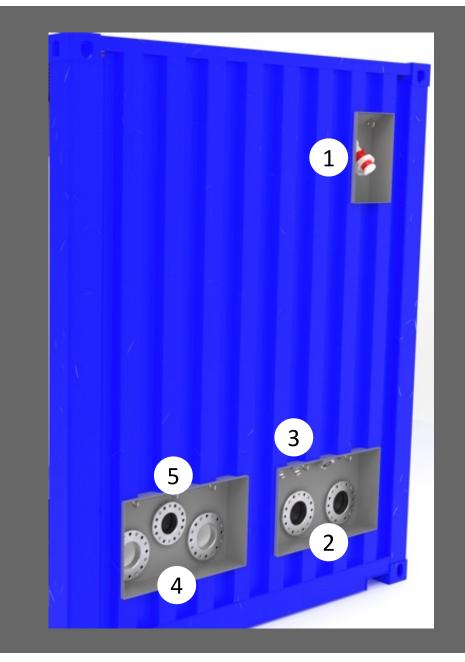
The output material (coarse sand) will go into the 2nd vibrating screen, upper deck 1. The overflow will go into tank 5 and is pumped 6 into the second hydro-cyclone 7.

The output material (fine sand) will also sent to the 2nd vibrating screen, upper deck 1. The overflow of sludge/water will go into tank 8 and with two pumps into the Sludge Treatment Unit.









Adapter for power supply for the Sludge Treatment Unit incl. communication cable adapter 1

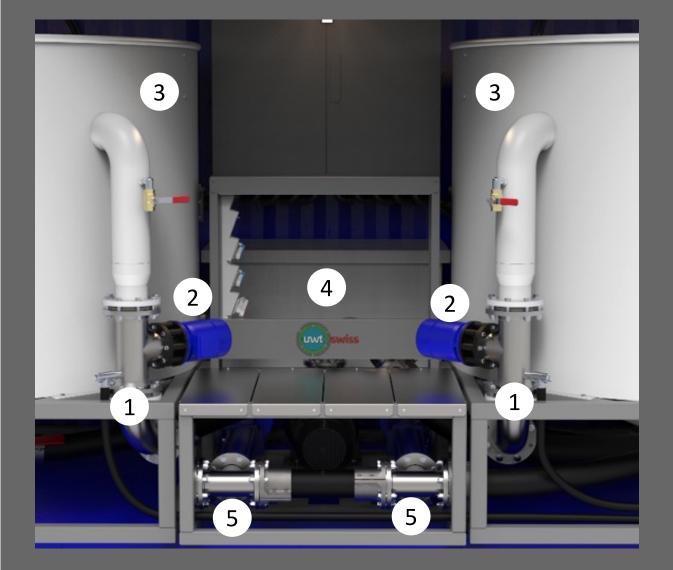
Two input adapters 2 for the water/sludge mixtures. Each input leads to one thickener

Two polymer input adapters **3**, each adapter for one thickener

Two clear water outlet adapters **4**. One pumps the clear water to the waterways. The other pumps the clear water back to the Separation Unit when circulation mode is active and in case further processing of sludge is required.

Outlet of sedimented sludge 5 from the thickener process to be then pumped to the Dewatering Unit





The water/sludge mixture is pumped through these two pipes 1 to the two thickeners.

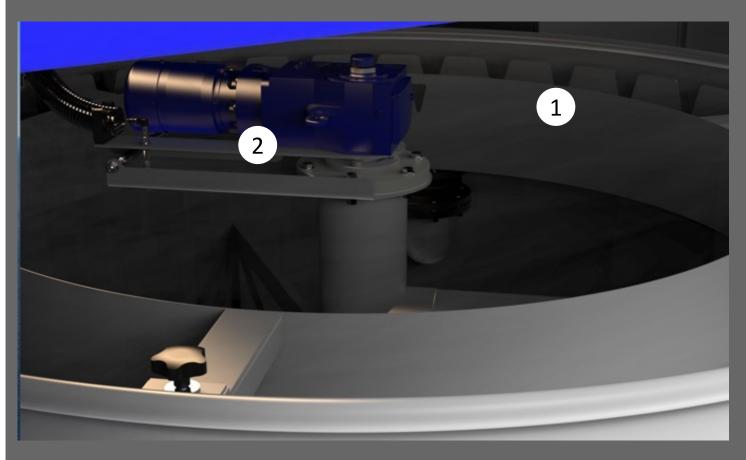
Polymere inline mixtures 2 are introduced within these pipes, mixing the polymer into the water/sludge before entering the thickeners 3.

In the two thickeners 3 the sludge is sedimented and separated from the clear water.

The clear water from the overflow of the thickners enters the clearwatertank **4**. From this clearwatertank the water is pumped either to the waterways or back to the Separation Unit in case of circulation mode

The sedimented sludge is pumped by the two sledge-pumps 5 from the bottom of the thickeners to the Dewatering Unit





In the thickeners there are the overflowsystems 1. Clear water will be collected and then flow to the clearwatertank.

The sludge scrapers 2 slowly move the sedimented sludge to the bottom outlet of the thickeners.

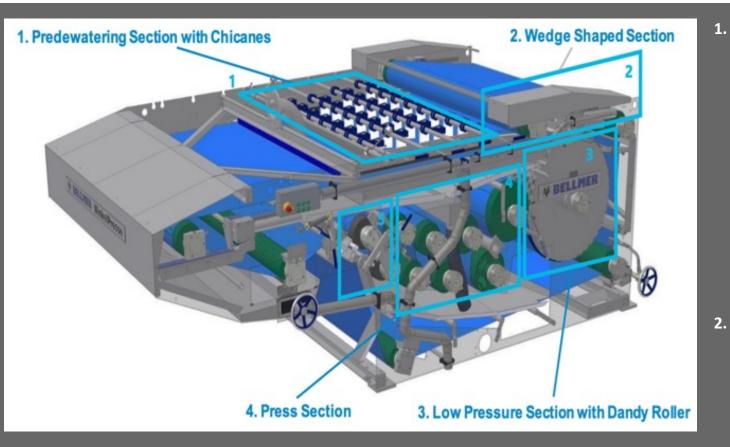
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Predewatering Section with Chicanes:
After leaving the feed nozzle the conditioned sludge flows to the rotating upper belt. Sludge is dammed up by the so-called calibrating plate, which evenly spreads it over the entire belt width. The chicanes constantly agitate the suspension on the horizontal belt area so that no liquid remains on the surface of the layer of solids. At the same time enclosed water is freed. The wedge shaped chicanes plough furrows in the sludge cake as it forms. This exposes the gravity dewatering belt section so that remaining water can flow off through the belt.

#### 2. Wedge Shaped Sedction:

After the pre dewatering section the sludge becomes packed between the two rotating belts and conveyed to the wedge-shaped section. The dewatering is effected by increasing pressure.

#### 3. Low Pressure with Dandy Roller:

With the extreme large diameter of the dandy roller a slow pressure increase is guaranteed. The shovel design inside the dandy roller allows effective water removal to both sides and prevents rewetting of the sludge. Furthermore, the large diameter assures a high capacity.

#### 4. Press Section:

The sludge cake is further dewatered in s-shaped wraps between the belts by the increasing pressure of the press rollers. The additionally occurring kneading and shearing effect frees enclosed liquid which results in an even higher final dry solids content. The different roller diameters allow a smooth pressure build-up for a gradual dewatering process to achieve best possible results.

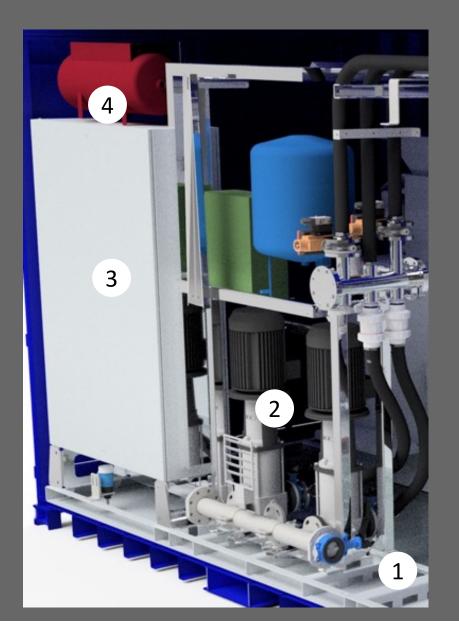
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The process water tank 1, not visible in this picture, contains the process water which is used to clean the belt filters, to prepare the polymer solution and for subsequent diluting of the polymer solution (adding more water to the polymer solution). The process water is pumped from the waterways and cleaned by an automatic backwash filter before being filled in the process water tank. Optionally, the process water to prepare the polymer solution can also be taken from a water hydrant.

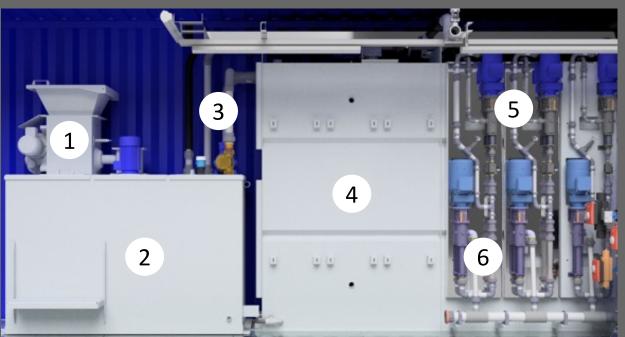
Two redundant booster pumps 2, which boost the pressure up to 7 bar for cleaning system of the beltfilterpress and extend the pressure for the backwashing of the process water filter.

Switch cabinet including control system 3 for all units including frequency converters and SPS for all components of the Polymer & Control Unit.

Compressor 4 for serving pressurized air to sleeve valves.

### SRD 150 – Polymer & Control Unit





Dosing device for polymer powder 1. After first time calibration (e.g. 0.5% solution) the appropriate dosage will be filled in the reaction tank and be mixed with water .

In the reaction tank 2 the agitator is mixing the polymer powder with water in order to get an optimal polymer solution. The reaction time can be manually entered or automatically adjusted by the control system based on polymer consumption.

The transfer pump 3 delivers the polymer solution to the storage tank 4. The agitator (mixer) keeps the polymer in solution in order not to clump.

The three polymer dosing pumps 5 suck in the polymer solution from the storage tank. The polymer solution is pumped through the subsequent dilution devices to the sludge treatment unit (two thickeners) and the dewatering unit. The dosage is automatically adjusted by the control system based on volume and dry substance of the incoming water/sludge suspension.

The three subsequent dilution pumps 6 mix additional water to the polymer solution in order to improve the polymer and sludge reaction. The volume of this additional water can be adjusted .



# **Application: Restoration Waterways**

#### Waterways





The clean water will be pumped back to the water way

#### Logistics



The sludge treatment system SRD 150 reduces the volume of the dried sludge massively with a dry substance of up to 75%.

#### **Sludge Dredging**



The amphibious vehicle pumps a mixture of water and sludge from the waterway with a max. pumping capacity of 150 m3/h into the sludge treatment System.

#### **Sludge Tubes**



the sludge/water suspension can be transported in tubes over a distance of up to 1'000 meters to the sludge treatment system and expandable with booster pump

#### Mobile Sludge Treatment System SRD 150



**Sludge Treatment - Unit** 

**Control & Polymer Unit** 

# **Application: Industrial Sludge**





- The SRD 150 systems can also be used to treat, process and dewater any kind of industrial sludge (e.g. tunnel contruction, drilling, mining, soil washing or other plants producing industrial sludge).
- These pictures show our system being used at a sugar beets factory. The water used to wash the sugar beets was treated and the sludge was dewatered.





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