

## Showcasing Low Pressure Water Mist Benefits in real Projects

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### Why are we here?





### Introduction







#### Agenda

- 1. Watermist a justification of its place in the market
  - Justification in regards to fire fighting capabilities
  - Justification in regards to creating other values
- 2. Examples
  - Building
  - Industry

# Watermist – a justification of its place in the market



#### "Conventional" fire fighting technologies

Fire Sprinklers

Waterspray Systems

Gas Systems

Foam system











#### Justification: Must be better to fight fire or generate other value to stakeholders.

## What is a fire?



Air:  $21\% O_2 + 78,8\% N_2 + ?$ Fuels: Carbon + Hydrogen + ?



Energy to Fuel (heat)





**Pyrolysis process** Fuel => Pyrolysis gasses Example: CH<sub>4</sub>

Energy to Pyrolysis gas + Atmosphere => **Oxidation process** 





Fire example: CH<sub>4</sub>+2O<sub>2</sub> =>2H<sub>2</sub>O+CO<sub>2</sub> + **E** 







1. Pyrolysis gasses are created.

2. Oxidation process happens.

3. Energy is released (seen as flames).

# Justification in relation to fire fighting capabilities



Fire Sprinklers Waterspray Systems Gas Systems Foam system

Watermist



Weeting surface = No Pyrolysis gasses

#### Fire fighting method

Fighting the PYROLYSIS process on the fuel surface. Fighting the PYROLYSIS process on the fuel surface. Fighting the OXIDATION process in the volume. Fighting the PYROLYSIS and the OXIDATION process on the fuel surface. Fighting the PYROLYSIS and the OXIDATION process on the fuel surface and in the volume.



Reducing O2 = No Oxidation



Cooling in fire = Reduce fire energy + Create inert gasses

# Justification in relation to creating other values



#### Some values compared to Sprinklers / Waterspray:

- Use less water "green technology" (typical between 60%-90% saving).
- Smaller pipe dimensions.
- Systems weigh less.
- Less water damages in case of (false) activation.
- Faster activation in case of fire due to lower RTI values.
- Less corrosion problems due to non-corrosive systems.
- Esthetic better looking (innovative designs) on visible parts.

# Justification in relation to creating other values



#### Some values compared to Gas Systems:

- No use of chemicals or gasses which harms people or equipment.
- No noise harming equipment.
- No re-filling costs after tests / false activations / real activation.
- Works also if the room is not tight, if doors/windows are open etc.
- Shorter laydown time as the fire is fought locally at the fire origin and not in the entire volume.
- Does not kill people in case of false activations such as CO2 does.
- Can help create a "green profile" for the owner.

# Justification in relation to creating other values



#### Some values compared to Foam Systems:

- Use less water "green technology" (typical between 60%-90% saving).
- No corrosion and less damage in the environment / equipment located in the room where the fire is.
- Faster and cheaper clean up in case of fire.
- No harm for people compared to foam agents.
- Fights the fire locally and does not need to fill the entire room.



### **Examples**

## Watermist vs. Sprinklers



Application example: High-end hotel requiring architectural features Conventional solution: Concealed Sprinklers. Motivation to change to watermist: Concealed sprinkler use to much water & risk of detection-air-gap gets painted/closed, plate drops down or corrosion inside the sprinkler.



## Watermist vs. Sprinklers





Plaster closing air gap



Corrosion inside sprinkler

### Solution



Pressure: 8 bar Density: 2.3 l/min/m2 (46% watersaving) Fire fighting medium: Pure water Approval: FM Approved







## Verification of the solution



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How the nozzle operates

#### Test from FM5560 "HC1"

## Installation example











Installation site: Nobu Hotel London

## Watermist vs. Foam System



Application example: Aircraft hangar Conventional solution: High Expansion Foam System Motivation to change to watermist: Creates risk of corrosion in airplanes located in the hangar and recent findings (Australia + USA) shows that these systems can generate large environmental problems in the vicinity of the hangar and air field.



#### Qantas to stop using toxic firefighting foam after Brisbane river spill

Airline will make a national-level switch to foam that does not contain the group of chemicals known as Pfas

• 'Children are being poisoned': fury at scandal of toxic firefighting chemicals



https://www.theguardian.com/business/2017/jul/28/qantas-to-stopusing-toxic-firefighting-foam-after-brisbane-river-spill

Phas = Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), also known as perfluorinated chemicals.

## Solution



Pressure: 8 bar Density: 3.5 l/min/m2 Fire fighting medium: Pure water Approval: NATO approved







## Verification of the solution



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How the nozzle operates

Test with 6m2 jet fuel fire

## Installation example







#### Summery

- 1. Watermist has a place in the fire protection industry because:
  - Its firefighting capabilities are unique. Some fires are fought better than "conventional" solutions and some fires are fought equally but with <u>much</u> less water.
  - It offers unique values to stakeholders which "conventional" solutions cannot offer.



#### Questions...

#### Thank you for your attention