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Preface

Since 1996, the 'Water and the Environment' ('Weiterbildendes Studium Wasser und Umwelt') continuing academic education programme has become a synonym for continuous and effective collaboration at university level between Lower Saxony and Thüringen in the field of post-graduate training. This collaboration basically follows the principle of 'two universities – one degree', by which existing synergies are exploited while respecting the technical, scientific and organisational independence of the two establishments concerned.

The project began in the early 1980s as a distance learning course culminating in a certificate which was awarded in Hannover. This course covered General Water Management, Aquatic Ecology and Water Conservation, Soil Conservation, and Waste Management as its main areas of study. Weimar then emerged as a partner by developing a complementary distance learning course focusing on Hydraulic Engineering, Environmental and Sanitary Engineering, and Waste Management. Both universities have since continued to develop these courses into recognised (accredited) Master's degree courses. The 'Water and the Environment' postgraduate programme with its modular structure achieves a high degree of flexibility and individual leeway in planning student curricula, while continuing to ensure high academic standards.

This volume 'Applied Process Engineering in Industrial Wastewater Treatment', the second part of the first edition in English, contains the revised and updated material of a technical module from the programme. The joint publication of the textbook by the two universities in question makes the subject matter accessible not only to students in Hannover or Weimar but also to a wider circle of interested parties outside the postgraduate programme. By publishing an English-language edition in two volumes (Volume I: 'Basic Process Engineering in Industrial Wastewater Treatment'; ISBN 978-3-86068-498-6), we now also hope to contribute towards the scientific discourse at international level. At the same time, this publication serves to intensify the quality and scope of collaboration with the German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste (DWA).

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May this series from the field of 'Water and the Environment' be warmly received by the experts and may it serve to bring about professional and sustainable use of our environment and water resources.

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