PROJECT BRIEF

Antigua Distillery Limited

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Oasis® Water, produced by the Antigua Distillery Limited, a wholly-owned Antiguan Company with more than 75 years of experience in the production of beverages, is the top brand of bottled water in Antigua and Barbuda. The Antigua Distillery entered the bottled water business in the 1990's by chance. At the time, there was a need for a higher quality water to blend and bottle their award-winning rums.

When the water purification equipment was installed, the distillery discovered additional capacity and launched a bottled water product, Oasis® Purified Water. The initial "bottling line" was entirely manual with bottles filled under aseptic taps (manually turning the valve on/off). The bottle then passed down to another person who would place a closure on the bottle and use a hand-operated capper to seal it. Then, the label would be applied by a semi-automatic labeler. Within a year or so the product was so successful, sophisticated automated machinery was purchased to meet demand.

Through continuous investment Oasis® is now produced using its own production plant featuring the latest high-tech machinery and adhering to world-class quality standards. Proud of their humble beginnings and the efforts made by employees in building Oasis® to a major water brand in Antigua, a brand Antiguans have come to trust. Antigua Distillery takes this trust very seriously every single day as they strive for continuous improvement of processes and the product itself.

Each drop of water must exceed industry and company standards. Specifically, international and industry bottled water quality standards establish limits for microbiological, physical, chemical and radiological substances for bottled water products. We take pride in the fact that our bottled water production plant is annually inspected, by independent, international third-party organizations.

"The Ozotech ozone systems provide .2 - .4 PPM of ozone in our finished bottled water product to meet FDA bottled water guidelines for disinfection." - **Denouy Reid, Plant Engineer, Antigua Distillery Limited.**

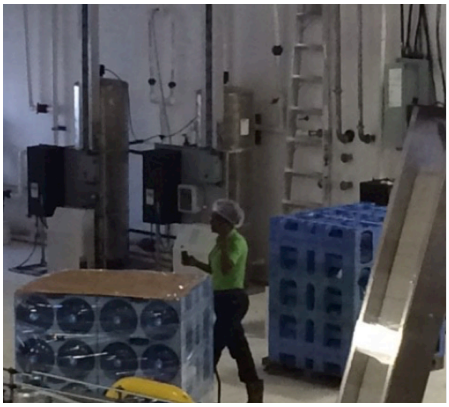
The Process

Oasis Water is produced in a modern, state-of -the-art production plant located near the Deep Water Harbor in St. John's, Antigua. The facility was granted FSSC-22000 certification in early 2017. Bottled water is produced under the strict guidelines of the USA-based International Bottled Water Association (IBWA).

Both accreditations require annual audits of the facility and processes to ensure the safest drinking water is delivered to customers.

Oasis Purified

"Purified" water is water that comes from any source, but has been purified to remove any chemicals or contaminants. Oasis Water goes through a rigorous multi-step filtration process which includes chlorination/de-chlorination, reverse osmosis, activated carbon and micro filtration. Ozone is the final barrier for disinfection and quality and is provided by Ozotech, Inc. based in Yreka, California, USA.



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