

# Breaking News 1 June 2018

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### AUSTRALIAN PLUMBING COMPANIES SPENDING BILLIONS ON OVERSEAS ACQUISITIONS & EXPANSION

#### Reece Group in \$1.9b Purchase of US firm MORSCO Inc

<http://www.afr.com/business/retail/appliances/reece-group-in-19b-purchase-of-us-firm-morsco-inc-20180506-h0zprv>

#### Australian plumbing company Reece pursues American dream in USD\$1.4 billion deal

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-morsco-m-a-reece/australian-plumbing-company-reece-pursues-american-dream-in-1-4-billion-deal-idUSKBN1I70YK>

#### Reece Launches A\$560m Equity Raising

<https://www.reecegroup.com.au/site-assets/Uploads/ASX-Announcement-Acquisition-of-MORSCO-and-Capital-Raising.pdf>

#### Reliance Worldwide buys UK's John Guest for \$1.2b

<http://www.afr.com/business/construction/reliance-worldwide-buys-uks-john-guest-for-12b-20180523-h10gz7>

Reliance has embarked on a major expansion in Europe to complement its strong US position with the purchase, which will be funded by a \$1.1 billion capital raising.

Reliance, built up by Melbourne's Munz family since the mid-1980s, listed on the ASX in 2016 in the biggest public float of that year, and has been making strong headway in the US with its own Sharkbite brand of push-to-connect plumbing fittings. The products are popular with younger plumbers embracing new technology rather than soldering traditional brass fittings.

#### ExcelPlas Lab Specialising in HDPE Pipe Condition Monitoring, Failure Analysis and Testing

In the event of a HDPE butt weld or electrofusion weld failing during initial testing, or in service, we can conduct investigations to assist in identifying the root cause of the failure.

This service also extends to the premature failure of the pipe or fitting itself.

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determination

<http://www.polypipetesting.com.au/butt-fusion-welds/>

**New UHMWPE Pipe for Tailing Offers Greater Than 4X the Abrasion Resistance of PE100 (Australia wide)**

<http://slurrypipes.com.au/>

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**ExcelPlas Poly Pipe Weld Inspection Lists Top 7 Causes of Weld Failure:**

- Lack of scraping
- Inaccurate scraping
- Contamination from dirt, water, oil or clays
- Lack of Paralell-ness of fusion faces
- Misalignment of surfaces
- Time, temperature and pressure deviations
- Not adhering to cool times

We have extensive experience in inspection of poly pipe welds for assuring welded joint quality. Direct Poly Pipe Inspection ensures that operators are following the proven welding procedure; this reduces the occurrences of operational errors which lead to defects such as inclusions, lack of fusion (LoF), porosity and misalignment.

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