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Case Study of Pharmaceutical and Food Processing Industries and
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Department of Chemical Engineering School of Studies of Engineering and Technology Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh August 2024 Membrane technology has become a cornerstone in various industries, revolutionizing processes from pharmaceutical manufacturing to water treatment and food processing. In the pharmaceutical sector, membrane technology has significantly advanced drug production, wastewater treatment, and product recovery. Historical developments, applications, and future prospects of these technologies reflect substantial contributions from leading international enterprises. Concurrently, the escalating global demand for fresh water, driven by population growth and agricultural needs, has accelerated the development of desalination and water treatment methods. Membrane-based techniques, including microfiltration, ultrafiltration, nanofiltration, and reverse osmosis, have emerged as crucial solutions for addressing water scarcity and enhancing efficiency in desalination processes.

In the oil industry, advancements in drilling technologies such as sand-tar extraction, hydraulic fracturing, and enhanced oil recovery have dramatically increased the volume of wastewater requiring treatment. Recent research has focused on the use of membrane technologies for treating produced and refinery wastewater, with a particular emphasis on enhancing membrane efficiency and longevity. Membrane distillation and forward osmosis are highlighted as promising future technologies in this context.

Additionally, membrane technology has made notable strides in food processing, offering innovative solutions for separation and purification. The application of membrane processes in the food industry has not only improved efficiency but also facilitated the extraction of health-beneficial peptide fractions. This review underscores the broad impact of membrane technology across multiple sectors and highlights ongoing advancements and future research directions to further enhance its potential.

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