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WELCOME to issue number 9 of the Recovynyl newsletter, including items about new grants available from WRAP for innovative solutions to recycling construction and demolition waste and a focus on Recycle Plastic Ltd including winning a local business award.

Grants for Recycling Construction and Demolition Waste

A new capital support competition has been launched by WRAP (the Waste & Resources Action Programme) to encourage the increased recovery and recycling of construction and demolition (C&D) waste.

WRAP is looking to encourage projects that will significantly increase the quantity of waste materials that are recovered, separated and recycled from commercial Construction and Demolition (C&D) sites. Every year around 30 million tonnes of construction waste goes to landfill and WRAP aims to reduce this figure. A wide range of materials is generated through C&D and mixed waste from sites can contain timber, plastics, glass, plasterboard, packaging waste, materials like card, wood and plastic film and inert materials such as soil, masonry, brick & block, paving, tiles and ceramics.

Through its Construction Waste Capital Support Programme, WRAP is offering grants towards projects which will provide the infrastructure and facilities to allow substantially more C&D waste to be recovered and recycled. Facilities for the recovery and recycling of the aggregates fraction are becoming increasingly available and so this scheme will focus on non-aggregate fraction, most of which currently goes to landfill. Financial

assistance will be available towards the costs of plant, equipment and infrastructure for projects in the UK that meet basic criteria. To be eligible for support, your project must be:

- a capital investment (operating costs are not eligible for support) to:
 - create innovative designs for new or existing collection infrastructure for site segregated, or mixed construction & demolition (C&D) wastes that will significantly improve output quality and recycling rates and/or;
 - create innovative design for new or existing processing/recycling leading to higher output quality and recycling rates for C&D wastes.
- located in the UK;
- demonstrate a need for the facility locally;
- installed and fully operational by 31 March 2008;
- able to demonstrate that the project viability is dependent on WRAP support;
- commercially sustainable in the medium and long term and result in auditable, additional (to any current activity) annual output for a minimum of 5 years;
- demonstrate clearly defined and where possible, secured end markets for the output of the project.



Closing date for applications is 27/11/2006

For further details of the project, register with WRAP and download application details at: www.wrap.org.uk/about_wrap/tenders_and_grants/construction.html

This WRAP tender invitation is a great opportunity for Recovynyl Recyclers to bid for grant support for new shredding or separation equipment! Axion has experience of submitting tenders to WRAP so if any Recovynyl recycler has an idea for grant support and would like advice on how to proceed, please call Roger Morton at Axion Recycling on 0161 426 7731

Recycle Plastic Limited win Business Award.

Recycle Plastic Limited is one of the latest companies to sign up to the Recovynyl initiative and become part of the national Recovynyl Recyclers network. The company began trading in Birmingham in March 2005 with only 2 employees and a granulator in a 1000 sq ft unit. In just over 12 months the company has experienced tremendous growth, going from processing 2/3 tonnes per week to around 70 tonnes of plastics per week. Recycle Plastic Ltd has expanded, moving into 20,000 sq ft premises in Oldbury in the Black Country, and currently employs 10 members of staff. The company now operates 4 granulators and has recently commissioned a shredder.

Jaz Chahal, General Manager, explains "the growth of the company has been phenomenal and beyond our expectations. Of the 70 tonnes of plastic we recycle every week, 35 to 40 tonnes is PVC and a significant percentage of that is post-consumer"



The company's success was recognised at the recent Black Country Asian Business Association awards where Recycle Plastic was a finalist in 3 separate categories: Regeneration, Business Start-Up and International Trade. The company went on to win the Business Start-Up Award for 2006. Jaz Chahal is delighted with the company's success:

"It's been fantastic for us to win the award. We've had a lot of positive feedback and it's given us great contacts with Sandwell Chamber of Commerce, the council and Business Link."

Recycle Plastic continues to develop and expand, building 2 new wash plants on site. One plant will be dedicated to cleaning contaminated plastic

drums sourced largely from the oil and food industries and the other plant will clean polythene from the food industry. The company is currently investigating ways in which all non-recyclable waste plastic brought into the site can be used to generate power to run the new wash plants. Jaz comments:

"If you could see where we started off, it was like a potato field! To think we've come so far in just over a year. It goes to show hard work pays dividends. As the Punjabi saying goes 'the more sugar you put in the tea, the sweeter it gets'."

The company is very positive about its association with Recovynyl and the enquiries and level of response generated as a result of its membership. Jaz is complimentary about the staff in particular: "It's been absolutely brilliant. Everyone I've spoken to has been absolutely superb."

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