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WELCOME to the latest edition of the Recovynyl newsletter. In this issue read about the discussion on Radio 2's Jeremy Vine show, about the sustainability of PVC versus wooden window frames, Melba Products' traffic cone recycling service and Moores Recycling who use all their recycled PVC to produce new piping.

PVC window frames- the sustainable option

It is often assumed that wooden window frames rather than PVC frames, are the more sustainable option. However helped by initiatives such as Recovynyl, promoted by the European PVC industry, significant quantities of PVC from construction are now recycled and used to make new products. Mercia Gick, Senior Advisor for the British Plastics Federation appeared on Radio 2's Jeremy Vine show to take part in a discussion on the merits of PVC window frames versus wooden frames. Mercia explains "It is a common fallacy that wooden window frames are more environmentally-friendly than PVC. Wooden frames use valuable natural resources, require regular painting and can be difficult to deconstruct, with the removal of putty, fillers and so on being problematic, and therefore, difficult to recycle. In addition, old wooden window frames often contain toxic fungicides and very old frames may be covered in lead-based paint and so are unsuitable for recycling. By contrast, PVC frames can be easily recycled and so diverted from landfill."

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Melba recycles PVC traffic cones & barriers

Melba Products Ltd in Bury, Lancashire have begun a new service recycling end-of-life traffic cones and barriers. Melba have secured a contract from a local company to recycle cones and barriers and are expanding this aspect of their business by tapping into a nationwide network of distributors, made up largely of construction companies such as Transco. Dave Clegg of Melba explains: "Traffic cones are typically 'end-of-life' because they are broken or because their reflective sleeve, required by law, is missing. We are trying to encourage companies to group together these end-of-life cones, enabling us to collect significant quantities for recycling and therefore make this idea economically viable" Yet another example of PVC from alternative sources, Roger Morton, Director of Axion Recycling comments "this is exactly the kind of idea we are trying to encourage. Post-use PVC from a variety of sources including windows can be processed through the Recovynyl initiative, and qualify for incentive payments."

If you have a source of traffic cones or barriers for recycling, contact Dave Clegg at Melba on 01706 625167 email sales@melba.co.uk



Recycler Focus: Moores Recycling

Plastics recycler Moores Recycling, based in Somerset, can guarantee all its recycled PVC goes on to be used in the manufacture of new products. This is because Moores shares a site with Flogen, a company set up by Moores around 4 years ago to manufacture general purpose PVC ducting.

Managing Director Jason Moore explains: "we were selling our material to Italy where it was being made into piping and we thought we'd have a go ourselves".

Moores, a family business set up over 40 years ago, recycles in excess of 600 tonnes per month of plastic and all the rigid PVC material processed through the company - window frames, pipes, redundant stock, is used by Flogen. The company purchases scrap, off-cuts and re-grind and is always on the look out for new sources of PVC, having the capability to process PVC waste of any kind including deconstructed window material (not glass or metal).



As Jason Moore explains: "The arrangement between the two companies works very well

with both businesses helping each other. We are planning further investment in 2007 in Flogen to install feed mixing systems to enable us to make use of more varied and mixed materials."



Having suffered a widely reported fire at the site earlier this year, Jason is keen to emphasise that it is 'business as usual' and that trading by both companies was unaffected by the incident.



An accredited recycler for Recovynyl, the initiative has generated additional publicity for the company and has

helped the business by boosting volumes of PVC material processed by Moores. As Jason comments: "Being part of Recovynyl has helped us source more of the material we need for our recycled piping business and the great thing is, it has all been diverted from landfill."

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