



E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

REGIONAL NEWS

Innovation: United Utilities' revolutionary new technique to make wastewater sludge safe enough for use as agricultural nutrients won the company the Environmental Technologies Award under the large company category at the recent **Northwest Business Environment Awards**. In the SME category, the award went to the Newton Industrial Group Ltd for its Newton Gravity Aerator – a new, highly efficient method of aerating & oxygenating water that could reduce UK CO₂ emissions by over 600,000 tonnes per year – a saving of 150 MWh in electricity.

Procurement: A one-day series of seminars & exhibition is being held by the Clean Merseyside Centre (see Events). **BeGIN 2005** will show how to win contracts, achieve targets & secure markets by buying & specifying green products in the construction & public sectors. Speakers include Barbara Morton (DTI), and Dr David Moon, Head of Procurement (WRAP).

New Initiatives: The **National Industrial Symbiosis programme** has been extended regionally – Richard Curry from Chemicals Northwest is now the representative for the Northwest. Contact Richard.curry@chemicalsnorthwest.org.uk for details.

International Trade: Steve Hill joined Envirolink Northwest on 31 May on a 2-year secondment from UK Trade & Investment. This is part of a wider programme of secondments to key regional cluster organisations across the region. Steve has over 15 years international trade experience. Steve's initial tasks will be to:

1. review UKTI's 14 priority markets and their environmental demands and drivers and compare this with the strengths of the Northwest environmental sector;
2. from this, develop an action plan to help the region's organisations exploit international trade opportunities;
3. undertake a stakeholder mapping exercise to identify potential national, regional and sub-regional partnerships and establish effective working relationships with them.

ANY QUESTIONS...?

Send your questions, on any aspect of the UK environmental industries, to g.nowell@ukfei.co.uk. Every attempt will be made to answer them in the next edition.

Grants & Schemes: Enterprise Capital Funds.

The European Commission has approved under EU state aid rules a scheme that promotes the establishment of venture capital funds for small to medium sized businesses throughout the UK. Please find attached a link to the press release + 'frequently asked questions' (SBS website): <http://www.sbs.gov.uk/default.php?page=/financegap/default.php>

Skills & Training: No news this week.

IN GENERAL

Energywise Recycled Glass, a social enterprise established in 2004 and based in Liverpool, is looking for an Assistant Manager (Production) to take a supervisory role in their glass workshop. Job description and application form can be downloaded from: www.energywiserecycledglass.co.uk

DIARY DATES

Envirolink Northwest is hosting a **Contract Energy Management Showcase, 16 June 2005** at Haydock Park Race Course, St Helens. The Exhibition will provide an opportunity for North West organisations with a mid-to-high energy use to come and meet with specialist in the field of energy management. Delegates will be able to discuss with exhibitors the benefits associated with Contract Energy Management and the tailored options available on a one-to-one basis, with the possibility of pre-arranged meetings available. If you are interested in the event, would like to know more or register, please email David Hall d.hall@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk or linda Mcgeechn l.mcgeechn@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk at Envirolink Northwest.

BeGIN 2005 – Buying Green in the Northwest, 28th June 2005 at Haydock Race Course, St Helens. Contact David Kemp for further details and to book your place. Tel. 0151 236 1328, email david.kemp@clean-merseyside.com

For further information on the UK Forum for Environmental Industries and to submit news for future editions, contact: g.nowell@ukfei.co.uk