



## E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

### REGIONAL NEWS

**Innovation:** CIS Tower, in **Manchester**, is about to make history as the UK's largest ever solar project, as all three sides of the 25-storey-service building are clad in solar panelling. The solar panels will help combat climate change and generate an amazing 180,000 units of electricity each year - enough energy to make 10,000,000 cups of tea.

**New Initiatives:** **Sticky Exhibits** is a new not for profit, Chester based venture. The project aims to build a 'library' of exhibits, interactives, models, costumes and art to hire for use in environmental awareness work. The collection already includes a small wind turbine, working solar hot water demonstration unit, and electric bike amongst other items. The project is seeking financial and in kind support to develop. For more information see <http://www.stickyexhibits.co.uk>

**International Trade:** The **Environmental Industries Sector Unit** provides opportunities for UK companies through seminar missions in overseas markets:

- **Mexico, 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2005** - 'Industrial & municipal waste management and water and wastewater treatment'.

- **Hungary, 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2005** - 'Creating a market for recycling'.

- **Hong Kong & Macao, 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2005** - 'Environmental solutions in manufacturing'.

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**Grants & Schemes:** The **National Industrial Symbiosis Programme** (NISP) is the world's first industrial symbiosis initiative to be launched on a national scale. Since its launch in 2003, the project has saved industry more than £30 million, diverted more than 420,000 tonnes from landfill sites, generated eight new businesses and created or safeguarded 650 jobs. One **West Midlands** company that has adopted the NISP approach is BIP (Oldbury) Ltd., by recycling scrap plastic from items such as plug sockets, toilet seats and pub ashtrays. The materials are ground to produce a grainy substance that is used to strip paint from delicate surfaces, such as aircraft parts, without damage. This material can be reused, and finally used as a fertiliser.

**Skills & Training:** A correction from E-Bulletin No. 6 on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005 – **East Midlands Institute for Sustainable Development in Business** has recently launched its **MBA in Sustainable Business Development**, run in partnership with Nottingham Trent University's Business School (previously reported as the MBA in Sustainable Development). For further details contact Alastair Allen on 0115 848 6560 or email [alastair.allen@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alastair.allen@ntu.ac.uk).

**Procurement:** **Vannplastic Ltd** is a Welsh manufacturing company based in Flintshire, North Wales. The company produces wood polymer composite decking and fencing products that are recycled, environmentally safe, as well as rot-proof and so extremely low maintenance. For further information on the product itself, please visit [www.maine-deck.co.uk](http://www.maine-deck.co.uk) or contact Angela Hind on 01244 677367.

### IN GENERAL

**New technology for the UK - thermal desorption** is highly effective in treating soils & materials contaminated with hydrocarbons & cyanides. Two key benefits of thermal desorption are 1. speed – treatment takes just 15 minutes; 2. elimination of liabilities – the technology completely removes & destroys contaminants. The treated material can be put to beneficial use as a product and does not require landfill disposal. Deep Green UK (DGUK) is a recently launched UK business specialising in thermal desorption technology. For further information, contact DGUK on 0117 311 1250, email [enquiry@deepgreenuk.com](mailto:enquiry@deepgreenuk.com).

**EGS sector mapping** – DTI/Defra's Environmental Industries Unit (EIU) are currently updating their mapping study of the EGS sector. Results of the survey will be made available in October.

#### Consultations:

**DTI: UK Environmental Industries** Consultation on Technology Priorities. Closing date 2 September 2005:

<http://www.dti.gov.uk/eiag/technology.html>

**Defra: Eco-performance indicators.** Deadline for consultations is 19<sup>th</sup> September. See [www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult)

**DTI: Support of small-scale renewable energy product development and deployment.**

See [www.dti.gov.uk/energy/consultation/microgen.pdf](http://www.dti.gov.uk/energy/consultation/microgen.pdf) Responses by 23<sup>rd</sup> September, to Rachel Crisp, e-mail:

[micro.generation@dti.gov.uk](mailto:micro.generation@dti.gov.uk)

**R&D tax credits discussion paper** - On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005, DTI, HM Treasury and HM Revenue & Customs jointly published a discussion paper on R&D tax credits, available from [www.hmrc.gov.uk/consult\\_new/rd-taxcredit.pdf](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/consult_new/rd-taxcredit.pdf). Comments are invited by 12<sup>th</sup> October to: [R&DTaxcredit@hm-treasury.gov.uk](mailto:R&DTaxcredit@hm-treasury.gov.uk) Anyone wanting to contact DTI about the discussion paper can email [nick.munn@dti.gsi.gov](mailto:nick.munn@dti.gsi.gov).

### DIARY DATES

**Remanufacturing Forum: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2005, Ribby Hall, nr. Preston.** Envirolink Northwest are hosting this remanufacturing event, which will be of particular interest to those involved in recycling, and those organisations seeking to diversify into new markets within the remanufacturing industries. To book your place, contact Linda McGeechan on 01942 491 294, email [L.mcgeechan@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk](mailto:L.mcgeechan@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk)

**East Midlands Expo 2005: 29<sup>th</sup> September 2005, Pride Park Stadium, Derby.** This event is a joint effort by EIForum, EMRA, emda and GO-EM to support and promote the region's Environmental Industries and Social Enterprises. There will also be a Sustainable Construction Conference at the same time. To book your place, please contact Jenny Perreau at EIForum, on 0115 848 4844, email [info@eiforum.org.uk](mailto:info@eiforum.org.uk).

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