



## E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

### REGIONAL NEWS

**Innovation:** **Envirolink Northwest** is developing an Internet based **tender notification service** for environmental goods & services companies, 'Tender Tap', to be piloted on Merseyside. The service will simplify access for small EGS companies to tender information, & assist these businesses to access new markets & customers. For more information tel. 01942 491 294, or see [www.envirolinknorthwest.co.uk](http://www.envirolinknorthwest.co.uk)

**New Initiatives:** Envirolink Northwest's **Water & Waste Water Supply Chain Directory** was recently launched at the International Water Exhibition at the NEC.

**Skills & Training:** **Envirolink UK** has recently published the East of England's **EnCapital report**. The aims of the EnCapital Project, co-financed by the European Social Fund and The East of England Development Agency, were to stimulate interest in and support the development of the environmental goods and service sector in the East of England. Information was collected from companies across the region, resulting in "A Study of the Skills and Other Challenges facing the East of England Environmental Sector" prepared by the UK Centre for Economic and Environmental Development (UK CEED). For the associated press release with a short outline of the findings see [www.encapital.org/reports.htm](http://www.encapital.org/reports.htm) or contact Mary Barnard for the full report. Tel. 01954 718 365, or email [M.barnard@envirolinkuk.org](mailto:M.barnard@envirolinkuk.org)

**International Trade:** The DTI Renewable Energy Trade Promotion Service would like to inform you of new opportunities for UK companies in the renewable energy industry. Details of trade promotion and business development opportunities have been posted on their website [www.ukrenewables.com](http://www.ukrenewables.com)

**Procurement:** With the promise of a sustainable and zero waste **Olympics 2012**, the UKFEI, in partnership with DTI/DEFRA's Environmental Industries Unit and with the support of the London Development Agency, recently held a meeting to look at supply chain opportunities for the EGS sector arising from the Olympics 2012. Contact [g.nowell@ukfei.co.uk](mailto:g.nowell@ukfei.co.uk) for more information.

### New Appointments

♦ **Tom Fourcade**, formerly of WRAP, recently took up post as the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of Envirobusiness South East, SEEDA's Sector Consortium for Environmental Technologies and Services. UKFEI also welcomes Tom as the new representative UKFEI member for the South East of England.

♦ **Kevin Lambert** has recently joined **Envirolink Northwest** as the Carbon Trust's Regional Account Manager for the Northwest of England. Kevin may be contacted on 01942 491 294, or email [Kevin.lambert@thecarbontrust.co.uk](mailto:Kevin.lambert@thecarbontrust.co.uk).

### IN GENERAL

**Defra lifts £86m business burden:** Defra recently published its plans to simplify regulations and reduce their cost on business. **Lifting the Burden** – Defra's Initial Simplification Plan, identifies ways of cutting bureaucracy and invites suggestions to streamline the Department's regulations.

The plan's suggestions for simplifying regulations include:  
\* Reducing red tape for the water industry by working with the Environment Agency, Ofwat, the Drinking Water Inspectorate and water companies to identify and take action on areas with high administrative burdens.  
\* Integration of the permitting regimes for Waste and Pollution and Prevention Control to reduce burdens on industry. For details: [www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/regulat/regulat.asp](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/regulat/regulat.asp)

**UK Trade & Investment's free Internet marketing tool** – British companies who supply goods or services to the water industry now have the opportunity to promote their company in the global market for water sector goods & services. To take advantage of this free marketing tool, click on <http://www.ukwater.biz/yourcompany/>

### Consultations:

**Defra:** ♦ **Proposals for amendments to waste management licensing exemptions relating to hazardous waste.** Deadline – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2005. See

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/hazwaste/index.htm>

♦ **Evidence & Innovation Strategy 2005-08.** Deadline – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2006. See <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/ei-strategy/index.htm>

### DIARY DATES

**EIC 2006 Winter Reception: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006, House of Commons Members' Dining Room.** Email [info@eic-uk.co.uk](mailto:info@eic-uk.co.uk), or tel. 020 7935 1675 for further details.

**Waste Management – Finance & Technology Options: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006, Centre for Waste Management, Foster Building, UCLan, Preston.** This Envirolink Northwest Forum meeting, sponsored by UCLan's Centre for Waste Management, will provide a great opportunity to learn more about current and future developments in the region's waste management infrastructure as well as hearing about new technologies being considered. Email [info@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk](mailto:info@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk) or tel. 01942 491 294 for details.

**Marine Energy Workshop: 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January 2006, Le Havre.** A specialist workshop with the British and French marine energy industries that aims to assist companies from the two countries to benefit from each others' experience and technical capabilities and identify development opportunities. [http://www.ukrenewables.com/documentation/Renewables\\_Marine\\_Energy.pdf](http://www.ukrenewables.com/documentation/Renewables_Marine_Energy.pdf)

**Environmental Futures: An Environmental Careers Event: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at Woburn House in Tavistock Square, London.** Environmental Futures is a bespoke careers event focused primarily on postgraduate (mainly MSc and PhD students) and undergraduates from a diverse range of disciplines who are keen to move into the environmental sector. For further details contact Laura Brammar on 020 7828 4057, email [laura.brammar@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:laura.brammar@kcl.ac.uk)

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