

▶ **MVV to carry out further site works at North Yard**

MVV Environment Devonport Ltd is carrying out further site investigations at North Yard, HM Naval Base Devonport. The work involves the drilling of a small number of test piles to check the condition of the ground where MVV is proposing to develop an Energy from Waste plant.

A recent environmental survey has highlighted that slow worms have migrated onto part of the land. In order to allow full use of the site MoD is relocating slow worms to the edges of the site prior to the site investigation works. The work is being supervised by Chartered Ecologists and there is no requirement for a licence from Natural England.

MoD has a continuing need to use the land until it is transferred to MVV under a lease in 2012. In the event that planning consent is not granted for the EfW plant, MoD will continue to use the land as a lay down site and relocation of the slow worms will still be required.

John Wade, Construction Director of MVV Environment, said:

'The test piling work follows preliminary site investigations we undertook last year to check the suitability of the ground. This does not in any way pre-empt our planning application.'

MVV has submitted a planning application for an Energy from Waste plant with Combined Heat and Power at North Yard, Devonport to manage the residual waste from Plymouth, Devon and Torbay on behalf of the South West Devon Waste Partnership. Plymouth City Council, the local planning authority, is currently consulting on the scheme.

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Notes to editors:

MVV Environment Devonport Limited is an English registered company with its registered office in Plymouth. It is the subsidiary company of MVV Umwelt and will be the contractor to SWDWP. Both companies are members of German utility company MVV Energie, whose headquarters are in Mannheim. MVV Umwelt provides flexible solutions for waste disposal, producing environmentally sustainable energy. In Germany, MVV Umwelt operates three Energy from Waste plants as well as three biomass power plants, managing 1.6 million tonnes of waste a year. With over 45 years' experience, MVV Umwelt is in the top three companies in Germany in its field.

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