



MVV continues to build bid team and expands its UK operations

MVV Environment has expanded its UK team in preparation for bidding for an increasing number of large residual waste treatment contracts. Ken Walsh joined as Development Director in December 2008, working to secure major contracts throughout the UK. Andrew Smith will join as MVV's Director of Local Government Affairs in April 2009, from Bedfordshire County Council where he has been leading the Authority's waste PFI project for the last 3 years.

By expanding its UK operations MVV is highlighting its commitment to deliver sustainable and economical waste management solutions in a manner that will allow it to establish genuine partnerships with Local Authorities. This will be bolstered by the launch of a dedicated UK website (www.mvv-environment.co.uk). The website contains detailed case studies of MVV's EfW and biomass plants in Germany, its aims and ambitions in the UK and information on each member of the team.

In the UK, MVV aims to have a working team of around 7 key individuals, with further additions in Germany. The recent additions to the MVV Environment team will help build on the experience and expertise of its German parent company, MVV Umwelt. The company is the third largest in Germany's EfW sector, currently working with 25 municipalities and districts in five federal states to manage and dispose of the waste of more than 4.3 million people across the country. MVV's EfW plants have established CHP and district heating off-takes, enabling MVV to bring real experience of high efficiency EfW facilities to the UK.

As well as bringing experience of technical efficiency MVV also brings a new perspective on planning waste management facilities. With the implementation of the Planning Act, MVV believes an opportunity to streamline the planning process for waste projects has been lost. The process MVV is used to in Germany is a completely different approach to planning projects for achieving targets in reducing the amount of waste going to landfill.

"In Germany just one application covers both construction and operational permits, and politicians do not make the decisions. For the majority of waste projects in the UK it seems that the new Planning Act makes little difference - it is an opportunity lost. Nevertheless MVV will work within the UK planning and permitting system, and hope that maybe, one day, the situation will change" said Holger Franke, Head of Development at MVV Umwelt

MVV will be sponsoring a debate on *CHP in Waste* at the 'PPP in Waste seminar' on 11th March 2009 at The Crowne Plaza, St James, London. Paul Carey, Managing Director of MVV Environment, will be chairing the event with Dr Hansjörg Roll, Managing Director of MVV Umwelt GmbH speaking.

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The logo for MVV Environment consists of a red stylized sunburst icon on the left, followed by the letters 'MVV' in a large, bold, black sans-serif font, and the word 'Environment' in a smaller, black sans-serif font to the right.

Note to Editors:

- 1 MVV Umwelt GmbH is a wholly owned subsidiary of MVV Energie AG, Germany's sixth largest energy utility and operator of CHP/district heating networks.
- 2 MVV Energie is listed on the Frankfurt stock exchange. Its principal shareholder is the City of Mannheim, which is also where both companies are headquartered.
- 3 MVV Energie has a number of joint venture companies with other German municipal authorities making it a unique blend of public and private sector expertise in energy and energy from waste.
- 4 The environment, umwelt in German, is central to MVV's ethos in both Germany and the UK

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