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Massive leap forward in West Midlands recycling capacity as Biffa announces plans for another new super MRF

Biffa has announced today that it will be developing another new state of the art recycling plant, this time at the new Midpoint Distribution Centre off Water Orton Lane, Minworth in the West Midlands. The plant will initially process 200,000 tonnes of waste materials per annum and achieve recycling rates of over 96%.

Work on installing the treatment and sorting infrastructure in the 220,000 square foot building will commence next month and the plant will be fully operational by September 2010. The construction phase will create up to 30 jobs and over £3M will go into the local economy, and when fully operational up to 40 people will be employed.

Located on the Midpoint Distribution Centre, which was developed by Prologis in 2009, the plant is less than 1 mile from Junction 9 of the M42 and therefore within easy access of the M6, M40 and M5. It will therefore be well located to serve Biffa's customers throughout the whole of the Birmingham and Black Country conurbation, providing them with the ability to achieve high recycling rates, avoid landfill and reduce their carbon footprint.

Speaking on behalf of the company, Engineering Director Dr John Casey said "We are very happy with our build out and deployment of our first "SuperMRF" Facility at Trafford Park and this plant will be online from its target commencement date of late January 2010. The plant at Trafford Park comprises a unique combination of mechanical and optical sorting systems and has been designed to operate with very high levels of automation and efficiency making it the most advanced plant in the UK. This new Minworth plant will replicate that technology and scale."

This facility is also an important milestone in the development of new low carbon infrastructure in the Region. "This facility has been developed to address part of the waste treatment infrastructure shortfall in the West Midlands, estimated by Advantage West Midlands to be in the order of 3.7 million tonnes by 2021" said Environment & External Affairs Director David Savory. "This facility will clearly address part of that shortfall and at the same time reduce the region's carbon footprint by up to 200,000 tonnes CO2e per annum."

Mark Pearce, Corporate Director for Regeneration at Advantage West Midlands, described Biffa's new facility as proof that the West Midlands is being recognised as leader in the development of new waste infrastructure.

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He added: "We very much welcome this important investment in recycling infrastructure, not only because it supports our overall strategy to divert waste from landfill but because the recovery of valuable materials from our waste is critical to the West Midlands economy. It is also important for us all to recognise that the jobs being created here are new "green jobs" helping both the environment and regional businesses by giving them the opportunity to recycle more and in doing so reduce the cost of sending their waste to landfill."

Biffa has already announced plans to develop a further 80,000 tonnes per annum of anaerobic digestion capacity for food and other organic wastes at Cannock. Construction of this plant commenced this month and will be operational in January 2011. The company has further plans to develop more new generation recycling and treatment facilities in the West Midlands and across the UK as it moves more of its customer's waste to recycling and resource recovery".

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ProLogis Park Midpoint Building Three - the location for the new Biffa Super MRF.

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