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Mindarie community benefits from a new vision

BioVision 2020 has recently signed a historically significant agreement with Mindarie Regional Council (MRC) to build an \$80 million waste processing plant in Perth's northern suburbs.

MRC is Western Australia's largest waste management authority, managing the collection, disposal and treatment of waste generated annually by some 500,000 people living in its locality.

The new Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) will treat up to 100,000 tonnes of household waste annually, significantly reducing the volume of household waste sent to landfill, and convert about 70% of recovered material into market-quality compost.

BioVision 2020 will design, build, own and operate the facility for 20 years, which will be constructed on a 10-hectare site in the Neerabup Industrial Area. The first stage of a planned three stage process is expected to begin in early 2008, with operations commencing in mid-2009.

BioVision 2020 has engaged waste management specialists SITA Environmental Solutions to operate the plant, and Canadian company Conporec to supply the composting technology to be used in the facility.

SITA has bought on board Alternative Waste Technology (AWT) specialist, Mr Marco Fontana; from its parent company SUEZ Environment to project manage the development of the facility.

"SITA is the leading company in AWT in Australia and globally, and I am very proud to represent the company on this project." Mr Fontana said. "This plant will see Perth become one of the most sustainable cities in the world from a recycling and waste management perspective."

MRC Chief Executive, Mr Kevin Poynton said "All parties involved in progressing this complex contract have worked tirelessly to ensure it is fair, reasonable and balanced. We believe that common goals have now been achieved, and our communities will be the beneficiaries."

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SITA Environmental Solutions, a SUEZ Environment subsidiary, provides weekly services to over 43,000 commercial and industrial clients and more than 800,000 households across Australia

SITA's services include domestic, commercial & industrial waste collection; waste assessments; resource recovery and recycling options; processing of organic materials into compost; renewable energy facilities; hygiene services; waste treatment; and product destruction.

More information on SITA's service can be obtained by calling 13 13 35 or visit www.sita.com.au

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