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Whitespace Waste Software to support the largest PFI waste Contract in Western Europe

Viridor has chosen Whitespace Waste Software's Power Hub solution to provide one of the core software infrastructures that will support its operations as part of the new Private Finance Initiative (PFI) waste contract with Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (GMWDA).

The 25-year waste services contract, which is generally acknowledged to be Western Europe's largest, will provide services for handling the 1.3 million tonnes of municipal waste that is generated each year in Greater Manchester.

Employing a consortium made up of Viridor and John Laing plc, the PFI contract involves over £600 million of investment in new GMWDA infrastructure and is worth in excess of £3 billion - allowing the diversion of more than 75% of Greater Manchester's waste away from landfill.

Whitespace's Power Hub solution will enable all waste related information from GMWDA and its contractors to be fed into one central location. Based on the latest .Net 2 technology, Power Hub will produce the following activities:

- Import all contract and non-contract tonnage data collected via the existing Gatehouse weighbridge system.
- Process the imported tonnage information against a set of predefined rules to ensure data integrity.

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- Provide all tonnage related reports required by all relevant parties
- Calculate an auditable monthly unitary charge to GMWDA based on the contract tonnage data and all other specified data inputs.

Phil Garvey, MD, Whitespace Waste Software explains, “As part of any PFI contract there is a need to analyse and report against tonnage data. The Power Hub product was designed to do this task for Local Authorities. In addition, the PFI payment calculation module will allow Viridor to accurately calculate payments due under the contract and model the effect of new facilities coming on stream.”

Simon Hill, Head of ICT at Viridor, said, “Prior to contracting with Whitespace we ran a series of workshops loading historical data. We were very impressed about how the Hub could model the existing practices and allow us to move forward in to the new PFI world.”

Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (GMWDA) is the largest of six statutory waste disposal authorities created under the Local Government Act 1985. GMWDA provides waste disposal services for 973,000 households in Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside and Trafford. It handles around 5% of national municipal waste.

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About Whitespace

Whitespace Waste Software is the Market Leader in the supply of Environmental Services Software Solutions to the UK Local Authorities market. Since 2005, Whitespace has grown rapidly in size with now over 30 UK customers that include Unitary, County, Metropolitan, Borough and District Councils. Whitespace's waste management solution, Power Suite, consists of products that enable Local Authorities to efficiently manage their domestic and trade waste collection/disposal services, together with street cleansing operations. The software also centrally manages and integrates disposal costs and automates the production of WasteDataFlow statistics across any combination of County, Metropolitan, Borough and District Councils and Contractors.

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