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A roller-coaster comes to fruition – EfW facility of Mercia Waste Management to start construction after 15 years of development

Hitachi Zosen Inova marks its eighth project success in the UK

Hitachi Zosen Inova has achieved its eighth project success in the UK as turnkey supplier in its eighth year after market entry and exceeds the 1.5 billion EUR mark for UK order intake.

A Waste Management Services PFI Contract was signed between the Councils of Herefordshire and Worcestershire and Mercia Waste Management Ltd (Mercia) in December 1998 for 25 years. After procurement of the site at Hartlebury estate in 2006 and final planning approval in 2012, Hitachi Zosen Inova was chosen as preferred bidder to act as the Engineering, Procurement and Construction Contractor for the turnkey delivery of the single line 68 MW_{thermal} Energy from Waste facility in spring this year, after a long and thorough competitive dialogue tendering process.

Track record of HZI helps to achieve fast finish

The fact that closing could have been achieved within a short time frame is proof of HZI's experience and reliability as an uncomplicated partner. Franz-Josef Mengede, CEO of HZI commented: „Our eighth success in the UK is a further proof of HZI's leading position in turnkey delivery. With this fourth successful project closure within seven months, HZI is more than well on track with regard to its financial plan and positions itself perfectly for the upcoming new markets.”

High efficiency and speedy project delivery

The Hartlebury facility represents the new generation of EfW facilities that are part of today's sustainable waste management. For the civil part, always the starting point, HZI found an attractive sub-supplier in the construction division of Interserve, the international support services and construction group. The single line facility achieves a net power export of around 18 MW, enough to power 43'000 households*. Full and safe compliance with all environmental obligations is a matter of course. Katsuhisa Tsuji, new CTO of HZI is pleased that “the strength of HZI to provide overall optimised solutions based on thorough technology know-how and complex project management experience has led to this most recent success. It is a proof that the co-operation of HZC and HZI, former Von Roll Inova, is a benefit to all parties.”

Repeat business as key to success

Mercia Waste Management Ltd (Mercia) is a 50/50 joint venture out of FCC Environment Services (UK) Limited and Urbaser Ltd. Both parties have already reference projects on the ground with HZI, including the extension to the Mallorca EfW, where Urbaser and FCC also co-operated. Gillian Sinclair, Project Director for FCC and Mercia commented about the closure of the EPC contract with HZI “FCC Environment, as part of Mercia, is very pleased to continue the successful partnership of our two companies and the Hartlebury facility will be the fourth project with HZI. HZI has proven again its competitiveness and capability to reach financial close in this challenging environment.” Also David Silva, Waste Treatment Director of Urbaser is pleased: “The commitment of the HZI team to make things happen gives us confidence that this project will achieve smoothly completion”.

* based on Ofgem report on average UK electricity consumption in 2011

About Hitachi Zosen Inova

Zurich-based Hitachi Zosen Inova (HZI) is a global leader in energy from waste (EfW), operating as part of the Hitachi Zosen Corporation Group. Formed from the former Von Roll Inova, HZI acts as an engineering, procurement and construction contractor delivering complete turnkey plants and system solutions for

energy recovery from waste. HZI's solutions are based on efficient and environmentally sound technology, are thoroughly tested, can be flexibly adapted to user requirements, and cover the entire plant life cycle. The company's customers range from experienced waste management companies to up-and-coming partners in new markets worldwide. HZI's innovative and reliable waste and flue gas treatment solutions have been part of some 500 reference projects delivered since 1933. To find out more, please visit www.hz-inova.com

About Mercia Waste Management

Mercia Waste Management, and sister company Severn Waste Services, are joint venture companies with two shareholders – FCC Environment Services (UK) Ltd. and Urbaser Ltd., established to deliver a 25 year waste management contract for Worcestershire County Council and Herefordshire Council. The contract was one of the original PFI bids and was signed in December 1998.

About FCC Environment

From waste to resource. FCC Environment is a leading UK waste and resource management company, and is part of a global group with a strong heritage in providing services for communities and business. Our vision is to be the environmental company of choice, delivering change for a sustainable future. We offer:

- Municipal services
- Business waste solutions
- Recycling
- Green energy
- Waste processing and disposal

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About Urbaser Ltd

Urbaser Ltd is the UK arm of Urbaser SA, an environmental services company, who work internationally as one of the main operators in the environmental sector and a leader in waste management. Part of the accredited ACS Group, Urbaser specialise in providing local councils, boroughs, autonomous regions and industries all types of environmental services. The continued growth and success of Urbaser is down to creating a culture that is focused on the client's needs.

With over 20 years of experience, Urbaser currently operates more than sixty municipal solid waste plants, including Materials Recovery, Mechanical Biological Treatment and Energy from Waste facilities, within which more than seven million tons of MSW are processed annually. Urbaser has a strong presence in mainland Europe, North Africa, Central and Latin America, with over 30,000 employees in more than 20 countries. It is Urbaser's goal to achieve steady growth in the UK market for environmental services, including waste treatment, waste collection and street cleansing services. Our commitment to achieving carbon positive operations is at the core of our business. Whilst providing outstanding service today we are developing the environmental technology and practice of the future.

About Interserve Plc

Interserve's vision is to redefine the future for people and places. We are one of the world's foremost support services and construction companies, operating in the public and private sectors in the UK and internationally. We offer advice, design, construction, equipment, facilities management and front-line public services. Interserve is based in the UK and is listed in the FTSE 250 index. We have gross revenue of £3.1 billion and a workforce of over 75,000 people worldwide.

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