



News Release

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Site Investigation Work at North Yard

MVV Umwelt is undertaking preliminary site investigations at North Yard, HM Naval Base Devonport. The work, which is expected to take three weeks, involves the drilling of a number of test boreholes and the digging of trial pits to check the condition of the ground where MVV is proposing to develop an Energy from Waste plant. This follows earlier site maintenance carried out by MOD in Blackies Wood which was not connected with the EfW proposal.

A Portakabin and temporary store container have been set up to house the drilling equipment. Various tests will then be carried out on samples of the soil. Most of the work will be carried out in the Dockyard area although some tests may be carried out along the route of the old railway line which is within the MOD's property. Access to part of the site will be outside the main security fence using the track running alongside the main railway past St Budeaux station.

John Wade, Construction Director of MVV Environment, MVV's UK subsidiary company, said:

'The work we are carrying out is normal preparatory site investigation to check the suitability of the ground before we can move forward with our planning application for development of the Energy from Waste plant. This does not in any way pre-empt our planning application and South West Devon Waste Partnership has not yet decided on its preferred bidder for its waste treatment contract.'

Notes to editors:

MVV announced last week that it had submitted a Scoping Study to Plymouth City Council planning department which outlines its plans for an Energy from Waste plant in more detail and confirms the subject areas that will be addressed in a planning application. The company has been shortlisted by the South West Devon Waste Partnership for its waste disposal contract.

MVV Umwelt is one of Germany's leading Energy from Waste companies, with around 45 years experience in building and operating waste management plants in Germany, where it works with 22 local authorities in five federal states. If the company is chosen as preferred bidder by SWDWP, it intends submitting a planning application in early 2011.

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