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Green Apple Award for the Devonport Energy from Waste CHP Facility Construction Site

The Devonport Energy from Waste Facility construction site has been presented with a Bronze Award at this year's Green Apple Environment Awards. The award was given to MVV Environment Devonport as the company behind the project.

Paul Carey, Managing Director of MVV Environment, says: "This award is a credit to the whole site construction team and all those people who have worked here over the last almost three years. Environmental concerns have played a major role in development and construction as well as in the whole idea of generating energy from non-recyclable waste."

The award recognises benefits to the local economy as well as investment in community engagement and local environment improvement and enhancement. These include the provision of a number of facilities, such as a football kick-about area, litter picks and the considerable improvement of access to green spaces.

Additionally, MVV has done extensive environmental monitoring in the local area, including nearby marine waters, noise and dust monitoring as well as ecological surveys. A comprehensive Ecological Mitigation, Enhancement and Management Plan was implemented in agreement with Plymouth City Council, with the aim of protecting and enhancing local habitats including woodland, saltmarsh and inter-tidal zones, and the creation of a wildflower meadow.

During the construction phase, all waste arising is recycled where possible. The food waste is sent to the local anaerobic digestion plant which powers an ice cream maker. To date over 17,000 litres of food waste have been recycled in this way.



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"Environmental issues are at the heart of our project, and we are very pleased that our efforts are recognised by yet another award", says Paul Carey. Prior awards given to the development include the Considerate Constructors Scheme National Sites Gold Award and the Grand Prix for the best national Public Private Partnership project.

The Green Apple Environment Awards were launched in 1994 by The Green Organisation. The awards are now in their eighteenth year and well established as one of the major environmental recognition schemes and one of the most popular environmental campaigns in the world.

Note to Editors:

MVV Environment Devonport Limited is an English registered company with its registered office in Plymouth. It is the subsidiary company of MVV Umwelt. Both companies are members of German utility company MVV Energie, whose headquarters are in Mannheim. MVV Umwelt provides flexible solutions for waste disposal, producing environmentally sustainable energy. In Germany, MVV Umwelt operates six Energy from Waste and biomass plants, managing 1.6 million tonnes of waste a year. With over 45 years' experience, MVV Umwelt is in the top three companies in Germany in its field.