

15 May 2013**Page 1 of 2****MVV Energie builds biomass power plant in South East England**

German energy company MVV Energie has commenced the construction of a new biomass power plant close to Sittingbourne in Kent. The project is being implemented by MVV Environment Ridham Ltd., an English subsidiary of MVV Energie. Located at Ridham Dock, an industrial port on the river Swale, this power plant will use old and waste timber to generate electricity and heating energy.

“This represents our first investment in biomass-based energy generation abroad”, commented Dr. Georg Müller, CEO of MVV Energie. “We will be drawing on the same wealth of technological and operating expertise that has already made us one of the market leaders in the biomass business in Germany.” The company is investing around Euro 140 million (approx. £ 118 million) in the power plant. MVV Energie already operates three biomass power plants in Germany with a throughput of 370,000 tonnes of waste timber a year.

“Building the power plant in Ridham Dock will enable us to benefit from the attractive conditions on offer in the UK”, explained Paul Carey, Managing Director of MVV Environment Ridham. “The plant will have a high energy efficiency rate, absolutely state-of-the-art technology and make a valuable contribution towards ecological energy generation.”

With a view to implementing highly efficient combined heat and power (CHP), the power plant at Ridham Dock will use old timber to generate both electricity and heating energy. The power plant has a net capacity of 23 megawatts and will generate almost 188 million kilowatt-hours of green electricity a year. Not only that, the plant will be able to supply neighbouring industry with environmentally-friendly heating energy.

With an annual capacity of 172,000 tonnes, the power plant will use old timber in categories B and C (processed timber and timber with slight to medium contamination) from the surrounding region. To date, these categories of old timber have largely been exported to the continent.

By making this investment, MVV Environment Ridham is creating around 25 jobs directly on location and further jobs at suppliers in the region. Construction work at the plant began in April 2013, and operations are due to begin in spring 2015.

MVV Environment is also currently in the process of constructing an Energy from Waste plant in Plymouth. The plant will deal with about 245,000 tonnes of household waste from Plymouth, Devon and Torbay. It will generate electricity and usable heat in combined heat and power (CHP) mode.

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