

Ecogen Recycling increases capacity with new baling solution from Middleton Engineering

Glastonbury: 14th September 2015: A new baler and custom conveyor solution supplied by Middleton Engineering has increased throughput and capacity for Ecogen Recycling, a fast growing waste recycling business offering sustainable waste management solutions to customers nationwide from its new operations base in Alresford, Hampshire.

Handling commercial waste recyclables predominantly from leading retailers, distribution companies and major manufacturing sector clients, as well as other recyclers, Ecogen currently focuses its recycling operation on cardboard, plastics and paper, with baled materials destined for re-processors in the UK, Europe and as far away as China.

The turnkey solution includes a fully automatic, 50 tonne press force, channel baler sourced by Middleton Engineering and serviced at the company's works near Glastonbury, together with a fully refurbished feed conveyor and loading hopper to optimise performance and bale consistency.

Installed and fully operational it has provided new capacity enabling the business to process material faster with less manual labour. This in turn has freed up valuable storage space which means Ecogen Recycling can accommodate more new business and without having to increase costly labour requirements.

James Lewis, Commercial Director for Ecogen Recycling Ltd said: "Despite challenging margins in the waste recycling sector, Ecogen has established itself as a profitable, multi-million pound business simply by offering a superior service, quicker payment terms and fairer material rebates to its customers. The baler and service package enables us to increase capacity and throughput without additional labour resources all with consequent benefits for our customers. With recommendations from a number of our partner companies, Middleton's consultative approach with advice and support for an expanding company like ours and trouble free installation has been a perfect match."

The new machine joins an existing manual feed semi-automatic closed-end baler now deployed full time for the company's archive paper shredding plant. "It means we can now run the shredding plant all day without interruption because the new automatic baling solution needs less manual intervention," he added.

Mark Smith, Engineering Director at Middleton Engineering said: "Like many of the waste recycling companies and local authorities we work with, Ecogen Recycling was looking for a reliable solution, able

to withstand the rigours of a 24/7 production environment and the right backup service when they needed it. The 'one stop shop' approach we provide from fabrication and supply to installation and service, covering all the components including the feed conveyor, is particularly important and overcomes many of the integration, bale density and loading issues we come across."

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Middleton Engineering, <http://www.middletonengineering.co.uk>, the UK's leading baler and recycling industry engineers, design, manufacture, supply and install a full range of recycling machinery from waste balers, shredders, conveyors and separators, to complete MRF installations. Customers include local authorities, waste management and recycling companies through to major retail distribution centres.