

Kilmainhamwood Compost named Best Composting Facility in Cré Awards 2008.

Friday 23rd May 2008: Kilmainhamwood Compost, Thorntons Recycling's state of the art composting facility in Co Meath, has been named Ireland's Best Composting Facility in the Cré Compost Industry Awards 2008.

The awards recognise excellence, impact and innovation in the composting industry and entrants to the "Best Composting Facility" category must demonstrate how they operate as a role model for the industry in Ireland. Judging criterion includes how the facility is operated and maintained, the standards employed in the manufacturing process, the skill sets of the workforce and the quality of compost produced.

Tom McDonnell, Facility Manager says, "We are delighted to receive this recognition from Cré and believe these awards are an important vehicle for promoting the benefits of commercial composting in Ireland. Innovation to improve our manufacturing processes is critical to our success and at Kilmainhamwood Compost we are constantly seeking new ways to improve our processes and outputs."

Kilmainhamwood Compost is Ireland's largest fully enclosed composting facility, situated on a 33acre site in Ballynalurgan, Co Meath. The €6 million facility was opened by Thorntons Recycling in 2006 and is one of the most advanced commercial composting facilities in Ireland, processing approximately 20,800 tonnes of biodegradable organic material per annum.

The facility produces high grade compost and offers customers a product that can be used as a soil conditioner in commercial agriculture, landscaping, as organic fertiliser or as a custom growing media.

Kilmainhamwood Compost is fully licensed operating to stringent EPA and Department of Agriculture guidelines. It is one of only two facilities in Ireland approved by the Department of Agriculture to accept catering waste as well as former foodstuffs. The facility is certified to international standards for Environmental ISO14001, Health and Safety OHSAS 18001 and quality ISO9001 and operates an Integrated Management System (IMS).

Established by Pdraig and Carmel Thornton in 1979, Thorntons Recycling currently employs over 270 people at its recycling centres in Dublin, Kildare and Meath.

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