



**Thorntons Recycling is named
Repak Recovery Operator of the Year 2011**

Thorntons Recycling, one of Ireland's most progressive and successful recycling companies, has been named Recovery Operator of the Year at the annual Repak Recycling Awards 2011, held on the 6th October 2011 in the Convention Centre, Dublin. The awards were presided over by Minister Phil Hogan TD, for the Environment Community and Local Government, which saw other high profile companies recognised for major recycling achievements.

These awards acknowledge outstanding performance in the area of packaging minimisation and recycling and winners of the Recovery Operator of the Year title must demonstrate excellence in every area of waste management.

Thorntons Recycling, which employs over 250 people at its operations in Dublin, Kildare and Meath was established by Carmel and Padraig Thornton in 1979. One of the longest established recycling companies in Ireland, Thorntons Recycling offers a wide variety of waste services across the country.

Gary Brady, Managing Director said, "Our operations span the entire spectrum of recycling and waste recovery. In 2010 we processed approximately 18,000 tonnes of packaging material at our Killeen Road facility. This capability has now been replaced with a new state of the art purpose built Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Park West, Dublin 12 which has been up and running since June 2011. We are continuously reinvesting in our business to increase the amount and quality of material recovered and recycled. Our success in this regard is benefiting our business, our customers and the environment".

Thorntons Recycling also operates a Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF) processing facility, an end of life vehicle de-pollution facility and a secure shredding facility in County Dublin, a composting facility and MRF and civic amenity in County Meath and a wood chipping facility in County Kildare. The company's head quarters are based in Park West Dublin 12. All facilities and services are accredited to ISO standards ISO9001 for quality, ISO14001 for Environment and OHSAS18001 for health and safety.

Thorntons Recycling puts a great emphasis on education and awareness, both in terms of customers and the wider community. Educational and instructional visits to commercial customers take place on a regular basis. Thorntons also get involved in schools, where they organise an art competition each year in County Meath. The winning entry is printed on the side of a Thorntons Refuse Collection Vehicle and can be seen collecting materials throughout the County.

"We are delighted to receive this award from Repak which recognises our exceptional standards in recovery and recycling. It is a wonderful acknowledgement for staff at each of our facilities who are constantly seeking to develop innovative solutions in recovery and recycling and are committed to best practise in every operation", added Brady.

Commenting Dr. Andrew Hetherington, CEO, Repak said "This year's Repak Awards shows the increasing innovation and efficiency of Irish business when it comes to preventing packaging waste. The partnership approach has not only helped steadily improve our packaging recycling rates and prevent packaging waste arising in the first place. What is clear is that all organisations can make a real impact but this needs commitment and a structured approach which Repak is able to provide to its members. This developing support

for recycling and for removing excess packaging will have a lasting and profound effect on Ireland's environment."

Thorntons Recycling was also a winner of this award in 2008.

Thorntons Recycling is a fully integrated waste management and recycling company with a proven track record in delivering efficient, legal and economical waste management, recovery and recycling solutions for customers.

Thorntons Recycling has invested heavily in its processing infrastructure to enable recovery and recycling of materials from paper, cardboard, newspaper and magazines to wood, metal, soil and stone as well as plastics and organic materials. All group facilities are EPA licensed or permitted by local authorities and fully compliant with government legislation.

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