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A Green Decade

One of the largest reprocessors in the UK, Smurfit Kappa Recycling, is celebrating 10 years of successfully turning old editions of Yellow Pages directories into new packaging materials at its paper mills in Birmingham and Kent. Thanks to the processes and technologies used at the mills, the company was one of the first UK organisations to accept Yellow Pages for recycling, and as public recycling facilities for old directories improve, it is now receiving greater volumes than ever before.

Members of the public can recycle their outdated Yellow Pages directories alongside their newspapers, magazines, cardboard packaging, junk mail and envelopes at hundreds of Smurfit Kappa Recycling bring banks located throughout the UK. Additionally, currently 96 per cent of UK local authorities now collect old Yellow Pages directories as part of their kerbside paper and card recycling services. These loads of "mixed paper" can be delivered by councils or their contractors direct to the Smurfit Kappa mills or via one of their eight recycling depots, located across the country.

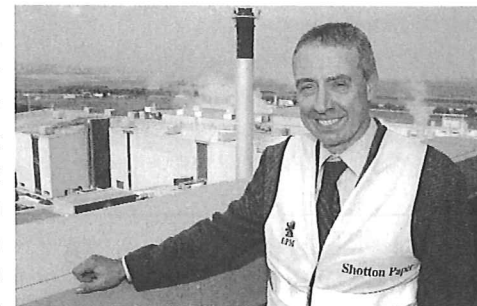
Many local authorities also collect old

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Royal recognition for UPM

Sustainability record recognised

UPM Shotton has been recognised by Her Majesty The Queen as one of the UK's most sustainable businesses with a Queen's Award for Enterprise in the sustainable development category. The North Wales paper mill that generates its own electricity and steam from paper making residues, was praised for having achieved the highest standards of sustainability throughout its business operations. UPM Shotton was granted the award as recognition for outstanding performance in environmental sustainability and its positive impact on the local community.



David Ingham, General Manager of UPM, standing on the roof of the latest investment into sustainability — a £56m renewable energy power plant.

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Indonesia's inspection controls

BIR takes its concerns to Jakarta

Senior Indonesian government officials have agreed to take the concerns of BIR members into consideration when preparing the guidelines for 100 per cent quality inspection of all imported materials classified as "waste".

It was announced in March that, owing to quality problems associated with imports of co-mingled waste, Indonesia planned to introduce pre-shipment inspection requirements on all recyclables arriving in the country on or after 24th June this year, including recovered paper and scrap metal. The aim of this measure is to ensure global imports meet not only Indonesia's waste import regulations but also all international regulations.

In response, BIR's Paper Division President, Ranjit Baxi, has held meetings in Jakarta with Diah Maulida, Director General of Foreign Trade within the Ministry of Trade, and with Benny Wachjudi, Director General at the Ministry of Industry. The meetings in Jakarta were

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also attended by the Chairman of Indonesia's paper producers' trade association and by senior domestic mill representatives.

Mr Baxi gave an assurance that BIR has always supported any legislation favouring the free and fair trade of good-quality recyclables while at the same time respecting the environment and human health. However, he also highlighted concern among BIR members as regards the logistical difficulties associated with proposed 100 per cent pre-shipment inspection controls by nominated surveyors.

It was confirmed that the surveying guidelines have yet to be formalised. Both Mrs Maulida and Mr Wachjudi confirmed that the views of BIR and its members would be taken into consideration when drafting these new guidelines. And at what proved to be highly useful meetings, various options were discussed to ensure a smooth transition to enhanced quality control procedures.

Following the granting of permission to import plastics scrap, the government of Indonesia wants to ensure that imported recyclables are free from hazardous waste. (Note for EU exporters: the Indonesian rule changes have first to be notified in a Commission Regulation before EU exports are allowed.) At the same time, ministers fully appreciate the need for continued imports of recyclables for use as raw material by the country's industries.

Mr Baxi also pointed out in Jakarta that, as a result of the revision of the EU Waste Framework Directive agreed late last year, there is reason to believe that, in the next year or so, recovered paper complying with agreed criteria will cease to be classified as "waste" by the EU.

New Brokerage Firm

Eastbound Ltd of Prestwick, Scotland is a new brokerage firm for the paper and plastic markets with wide European connections which exports goods eastwards to all major Asian markets. With a team of experienced logistic experts and direct contacts with the end users in each individual country, they assure suppliers of the most direct routing for their products to recycling facilities. Exports cover all types of waste paper as well as off grade products such as



damaged or transitional rolls, job lots of palletised paper and most qualities of plastics — either from collection or as semi-converted product in pellets. The

company was established in 2005 to handle the sales of prime paper products to publishers and has now extended its activities to the trading of all recovered paper and board products. (Tel: 01292 553000)

AXO Appointment

Daniel Hawtin has joined AXO Shredders Ltd. He brings a wealth of shredding industry experience with him having previously been involved in shredding service sales at both local and national levels with a global mobile shredding company. "AXO has a great portfolio of products and is renowned in the UK for its after sales service,"