



MEDIA STATEMENT

GLOBAL RENEWABLES WINS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AWARD

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Internationally recognised waste processing company Global Renewables has won the Greenhouse Challenge Award at this year's United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Awards.

Global Renewables, a subsidiary of Australian engineering and development company GRD Limited (ASX:GRD), was honoured for excellence in the implementation of innovative strategies for greenhouse gas reduction.

The company has developed the Urban Resource – Reduction, Recovery and Recycling (UR-3R) Process - a mechanical and biological treatment solution that processes municipal solid waste (household rubbish) through integrated sorting, biological digestion and composting.

The UR-3R Process[®] diverts approximately 70 per cent of treated waste from landfill by maximising the recovery of recyclable materials and using the organic component to create clean energy and a compost material that returns carbon to the soil. This is in stark contrast to the dumping of waste in landfill where the organics break down to create methane, which has a global warming potential more than 20 times that of carbon dioxide.

GRD Limited Chief Executive Cliff Lawrenson said the Sustainability Victoria Meeting the Greenhouse Challenge Award was recognition of the climate change "time bomb" posed by landfill emissions and how technical solutions such as the UR-3R Process[®] could be used to effectively tackle the problem.

"A recent report prepared for the Total Environment Centre and the Resource Recovery Collaboration, a grouping of waste management companies including Global Renewables, estimates that unless the nation's landfill practices change, up to two billion tonnes of greenhouse gas will be released from Australian rubbish dumps in the next 50 years," Mr Lawrenson said.

"Our policy makers formulating the fight against climate change must not forget that one tonne of organic waste sent to landfill today will decades from now still be emitting the greenhouse gas, methane. Through advanced waste treatment we can not only mitigate future emissions but increase recycling rates, thereby also preserving valuable mineral, water and energy resources.

"As a nation we have an obligation to act responsibly in the way we deal with household rubbish," he said.

Global Renewables has successfully implemented the UR-3R Process[®] at its Eastern Creek Facility in Sydney which processes 11 per cent of the city's municipal solid waste and through its operations produces verified emissions reduction units (ERUs).

The company, in partnership with Lend Lease Corporation, is also developing a UR-3R[™] waste processing network in the UK county of Lancashire to treat the household waste of 1.4 million people.

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