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### Triple certification achievement acknowledged by ESA director general

Hills Waste Solutions Limited has achieved certification of its Quality, Environmental and Health and Safety Management Systems to the three international standards of ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001.

Barry Dennis, director general of the Environmental Services Association and president of the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management, visited Hills Waste Solutions this week to acknowledge the company's success. He said, "Hills is one of a select group of companies in the waste management sector to have achieved certification to the three standards for all its waste management sites. Maintaining these requires a process of continual assessment and improvement which relies heavily on the dedication of all those involved. Hills' commitment to the task is helping to create a positive image for the sustainable waste and resource management industry."

"The trio of certifications are key to the company's commitment to provide a quality service to customers, maintain the highest environmental standards and ensure the health and safety of employees and others," said Mike Webster group director Hills Waste Solutions "This achievement confirms our operations and practices are of a recognised international standard and will give us a valuable competitive edge when looking to secure new business."

All activities and facilities managed by Hills Waste Solutions are covered by the certifications and include transport and collection operations, recycling, treatment, transfer and landfill with energy recovery. The company's operations include a materials recycling facility, disposal site and compost processing at Lower Compton, further disposal sites at Purton and Blunsdon, together with offices, transport depots and household recycling centres across Wiltshire.

This key project was led by Daryl Taylor, environment manager, and Paul Elling, health and safety manager, who with the support of all Hills Waste Solutions' staff completed the certification process. The audit for the three certifications was carried out by SGS United Kingdom Limited an independent external certification body.

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Notes to editors:

- **ISO 9001** demonstrates commitment to service quality and customer satisfaction through measuring, auditing and setting objectives for improvement. It is particularly relevant to

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sales and contract bidding/management, waste brokerage, and the processing of waste into products for sale such as compost and woodchip.

- **ISO 14001** ensures that key environmental issues are identified and that procedures are in place to deliver effective management, prevention of pollution, environmental improvements and legal compliance
- **OHSAS 18001** provides a framework to consistently identify and control health and safety risks including ill health, reduce potential for accidents, aid legislative compliance and improve overall performance.
- **Hills Waste Solutions** offers a range of specialist waste management and recycling services to both the public and private sector. It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas to become one of the region's largest providers of waste solutions.
- Hills Waste Solutions is a wholly owned subsidiary of **The Hills Group Limited**, a privately owned family company established in 1900. [www.hills-group.co.uk](http://www.hills-group.co.uk)



*Caption for image: (back l-r) Mike Webster, group director Hills Waste Solutions, Barry Dennis, director general ESA and president CIWM, Mike Hill, chief executive Hills Group (front l-r) Paul Elling, health & safety manager, Andrea Pellegram, technical services manager, Daryl Taylor, environment manager - all Hills Waste Solutions.*

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