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WELCOME to the latest edition of the Recovynyl newsletter, including the latest update on the volumes of post-use PVC recycled by Recovynyl and a focus on Recovynyl recycler Penfold Plastics, and its significant recent investment in machinery and technology.

Recovynyl volumes up on last year.

Further evidence that the Recovynyl scheme is proving extremely successfully in the UK comes from the latest set of results. The volumes of post use PVC recycled through the scheme so far in 2007 have already exceeded those recorded for the whole of 2006. Having recorded tonnages of well in excess of 15,000 Recovynyl looks set to easily achieve its target of 30,000 tonnes by the end of the year. As David Wiles, head of the UK Recovynyl scheme comments: "we are on course to substantially exceed our target for the year."

Roger Morton, Axion Director, is delighted with the results so far this year. As he comments: "Many of our recyclers have been investing in new equipment and technology which is now coming on stream. Over the past 12 months, this investment has resulted in significant increases in the volumes, with particular growth in post-consumer windows.

Roger continues: "We are now seeing a great deal of interest in flexible PVC, with greater amounts of cable from building and construction projects coming through. We are starting to receive increased interest in flooring, roofing and signage which we expect to result in significant tonnage growth over the next 12 month period.



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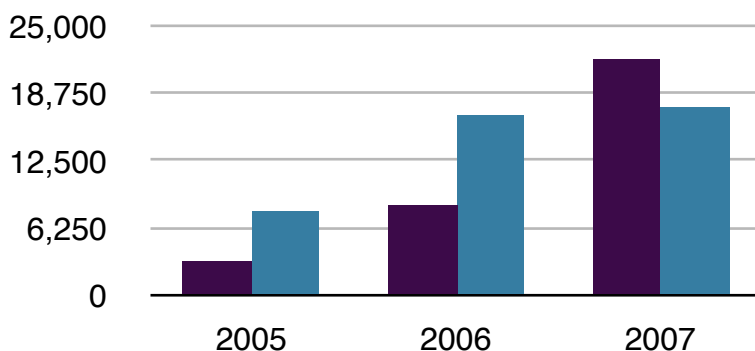
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■ Target tonnage ■ Actual tonnage



N.B. Target for 2006 low compared with 2005 performance as based on assumption that 2005 volume distorted due to accumulation of volume in the system.

Recycler Focus: Penfolds Plastics

Family business Penfold Plastics has made a huge investment in machinery and technology at its site in Weston-Super-Mare, to enable it to process greater volumes of PVC from window systems companies and fabricators.

In recent years, Penfold Plastics has invested heavily in machinery and technology at its plant in order to recycle PVC. It has invested over £300,000 this year alone, purchasing new granulators and an Eddy current separator, necessary to enable metal contamination removal to supplement its colour sorters. As Peter Penfold, Company Chairman, comments:

“the Eddy current separator has been excellent for using with post-consumer windows waste, producing nice, clean, contaminant-free PVC.”

Committed to the environmental agenda, Penfold Plastics is actively encouraging the PVC window industry to seek ways to reduce its own carbon footprint. Penfold Plastics is making further investment in new machinery and technology in order to provide facilities to help the industry achieve this. This year, the company is planning to invest a further £300,000 on machinery and technology which will allow Penfolds to reclaim materials that the company was previously unable to recycle.

Peter Penfold sees investment in machinery and technology as being absolutely necessary for a successful business in the plastics recycling industry, as he comments:

“We have seen many changes in the industry over the last decade and it is now

becoming a much more high tech business than it used to be. Technology is playing a much more important role.”

Commenting on the Recovynl scheme, Peter Penfold says “We have found that membership of the Recovynl scheme has been of great benefit to us as a company. The financial incentives available from Recovynl have enabled us to widen the scope of our activities.”



Established for over 40 years and exclusively recycling PVC for almost 25

years, Peter Penfold believes it was one of the first companies to reclaim PVC from window systems companies and fabricators.

Penfold Plastics employs over 25 people to process large volumes of post-consumer PVC windows, pulverising waste into granules or PVC powder for resale. Processed PVC is sold on to companies who use the granules or powder to manufacture uPVC profile paint rollers, PVC piping and conduit and, in a great example of ‘closed loop’ recycling, back to window systems companies who use it to make window sills and in the production of secondary glazing.

The company operates a fleet of vehicles with a roll on-roll off system or a cage system, enabling collection of materials from anywhere in the UK. Peter continues: “We are one of the first four largest PVC recyclers in the country, we are the largest independent company left. We are looking forward to celebrating our 25th anniversary of being in the PVC recycling business, later this year.”

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