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WMRC Project Update - Commissioning

Commissioning of the AnaeCo™ AWT Plant at the Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) Shenton Park Facility is well underway and at an advanced stage in several areas, albeit later than had been anticipated. No material issues have been identified with the DiCOM™ process.

Construction activities are almost complete. The majority of the construction workforce has already de-mobilised from site and the remaining crews are scheduled to be off site before the end of August.

The reason for delayed progress is a combination of later completion of the final elements of construction, and the requirement to work through some items identified as part of the commissioning process.

The commissioning hurdles which have been encountered include:

- some relatively minor mechanical adjustments in the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF),
- re-arrangement of the Distributed Control System (DCS) to ensure the requisite levels of operational stability, and
- certifying instrumentation in the Bioconversion Facility (BCF) and Ancillary Services Area (ASA) to current Australian standards.

None of these are fundamental issues. All commissioning issues identified to date have either been solved or rectification is currently being implemented.

Achievements to date in commissioning include:

- Substantially completing the functional equipment testing in the MRF,
- Commenced functional equipment testing in the BCF and ASA,
- Substantial progress in the preparation of Safe Operating Procedures (SOPs) and plans for commissioning operations using municipal solid waste (MSW),
- Cultivation of the introductory batch of anaerobic inoculum has commenced off site, for planned introduction to the anaerobic water storage tanks once the BCF and ASA are cleared as ready for biogas management, and
- Liaison with Plant owner (Funds managed by Palisade Investment Partners) and Facility owner (Western Metropolitan Regional Council) on matters such as joint site operating procedures and scheduling of planned waste deliveries for use in commissioning and plant ramp-up.



Key milestones ahead for commissioning are the delivery of anaerobic inoculum to the water storage tanks to be followed by the introduction of MSW to the MRF. It is expected that this will be underway before the end of this quarter and updates on these events and commissioning progress overall will be provided in due course.

Quick terminology guide

MRF (Material Recovery Facility) – front end of the plant. Inputs – MSW. Outputs – clean organic feedstock for the BCF, recyclable materials for markets, residual material to landfill. The MRF sorts and separates the MSW with the core objective of preparing the organic feedstock for the BCF.

BCF (Bioconversion Facility) – three bioconversion vessels inside which the DiCOM™ process treats the organic mass in a hybrid aerobic/anaerobic process, producing methane rich biogas and organic fertiliser.

ASA (Ancillary Services Area) – support services for MRF and BCF such as odour management, biogas management, power generation, anaerobic water and biology management.

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About AnaeCo

AnaeCo delivers Alternative Waste Technology (AWT) facilities based on the patented DiCOM™ bioconversion process. The system incorporates advanced sorting, recycling, anaerobic digestion and aerobic composting to recycle municipal solid waste (MSW) into renewable energy from biogas, agricultural grade compost and recyclables such as steel, aluminium, glass and plastics, thus ensuring maximum diversion from landfill and ensuring social, economic and environmentally sustainable management of MSW.

The DiCOM™ process enables resource recovery intervention closer to source, with enhancement of existing waste transfer stations now a viable waste management option. AnaeCo's experienced team provides design, commissioning, operation and maintenance services for AnaeCo™ AWT facilities, as well as management of all outputs including renewable energy, compost, recyclable materials and non-recyclable residuals.

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