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TWMA Makes Major Investment in Peterhead Base

Leading international environmental services specialist Total Waste Management Alliance (TWMA) has invested more than £1.7million in developing its Peterhead base to assist in its strategic growth plans and anticipates taking on further staff to meet increasing demand for its services.

Aberdeen headquartered TWMA works for a wide range of clients supplying services including the treatment, handling and recycling of the by-products of the drilling processes both on and offshore, processing many thousands of tonnes every year.

The site in Peterhead handles non-hazardous and hazardous waste, including all types of recycling, from contaminated soils to dealing with by-products from refineries and decommissioning of planted installations offshore, where up to 80% of waste can be recycled.

Peterhead is also used to commission TWMA's breakthrough TCC-RotoMill technology - a thermal system, capable of reducing drilling waste and drill cuttings to their separate component parts of base oil, water and solids both on and offshore.

To date, the base has commissioned 13 TCC-RotoMills and one fully mobile version of the technology, the TCC-RotoTruck, that can travel to virtually any location required.

The TCC-RotoMill can operate on a 24-hour per day basis and does not require extended warm-up or shutdown periods. A single TCC-RotoMill has a processing capacity of 5-7 tonnes per hour and a unit is in use at Peterhead along with a slops unit which recycles waste with a higher water content.

Upgrade work began at TWMA's Peterhead base in 2008 with more than £1.7million spent to improve site yard infrastructure - including a new laboratory, office upgrades, drainage, electrical rewiring throughout and a total rebuild of the Compactor and RD12 site processing unit.

Mike Muir, TWMA manager, said: "We are currently making the finishing touches to the large-scale upgrade at the site in Peterhead – work which ensures the site and equipment exceed all legal safety/pollution requirements. Our aim was to create a first-class working environment that was capable of meeting employee and customer demand, which we've certainly achieved. This latest investment is indicative of the company's ambitions to grow the business further in the UK and worldwide."

He added: "As new environmental legislation impacts on more companies, we expect demand for our services to continue to grow. Our Peterhead site will play a major role in meeting this increased demand, with operations running more efficiently and higher standards being achieved."

TWMA was formed in 2000 and employs 310 people at its HQ in Aberdeen and bases around the world including Egypt, Nigeria, Norway, Dubai, USA, Far East and Libya. The company recently invested £4million in its new HQ as part of its strategy to expand the business and create additional jobs.