



Aberdeenshire farmer doubles 'In Vessel Composting' plant size

Gray Composting Services was set up to serve the fish processing plants around the Portsoy and Fordyce area of Aberdeenshire.

Before the introduction of the Animal By Product Regulation, owner Charlie Gray had some experience in composting of shellfish waste on his farms. However, with the introduction of the ABP regulation he started to look for a proven process alternative.

After contacting his local Chamber of Commerce for assistance and researching the market for technologies, Mr Gray decided to opt for the VCU™ technology. Having had the system installed and achieving full SVS ABP approval in August 2007 Mr. Gray decided to double his processing capacity.

"Initially we installed two VCU™ chambers, allowing us to familiarize ourselves with the process, and to test the market for this recycling solution. Having demonstrated that this really was a successful business model, we went back to VCU Europa to expand the site to four chambers. This was carried out seamlessly with incredibly little down time." said Mr Gray.

This is just one of 12 VCU™ installations which have been expanded to meet increasing demand. Visitors to the site, which is processing this highly nitrogenous material, have been very impressed by the low levels of odour. Proving that, unlike other systems, by utilizing the VCU™ and operating correct process control, composting need not be a smelly business.

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