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**VCU TECHNOLOGY SECURES FIRST IN-VESSEL
ANIMAL BY-PRODUCT COMPOSTING ACCREDITATION IN SPAIN**

VCU Europa are pleased to announce that their in-vessel composting technology, the **VCU**, has been awarded the first Spanish Accreditation under the Animal By-Product Regulations (ABPR) for a plant installed in Jumilla, Spain, in January 2005.

Owned and operated by **Compost Reciclables S.L.**, an arm of SANA S.L., a waste management company based in Jumilla, **VCU Europa** has built the plant to treat a variety of animal by-products including poultry waste, fish waste and meat and bone meal.

Authorisation for the treatment of Category 3 animal by-products was given by the Animal Health Section of the Department of Agriculture of the Regional Government of Murcia in May 2005. The authorisation is the first to be awarded to a Spanish composting plant which fully complies with the EU Animal By-Products Regulation No. 1774/2002.

“With the Spanish government bringing to end an industry derogation for animal by-product producers on 31st July 2005,” says **Carl Beck, VCU Europa’s Group Sales and Marketing Manager**, “Landfill is no longer an option for the disposal of this type of material. In addition, with rendering of certain waste in Spain costing between E30/T and E70/T, in-vessel composting is now the financially viable alternative to both these methods of disposal.”

Compost Reciclables is currently negotiating contracts for the ongoing treatment of animal by-products with waste producers in the region of Murcia and intends to expand the plant at the end of this year.

VCU Europa Ltd works with Distributors **Traco Iberia S.L.** in Spain. A second plant is currently under construction for the treatment of animal by-products for a waste collection and treatment company in the north of Spain, which will be operational later this year.

EDITORS NOTES:

The **VCU** in-vessel composting technology was the first fully accredited system in the UK in December 2003.

About the VCU Composting Technology

The **VCU** was developed ten years ago in New Zealand to offer a cost effective and safe method of treating municipal and industrial organic waste. The system is unique in that waste moves from the top of a vertical vessel (where temperatures soar to over 70°C) down to the bottom where it emerges as compost.

About VCU Technology

New Zealand based **VCU Technology** are the worldwide patent holders of the **VCU** composting system. With over 30 installations in operation worldwide and a comprehensive investment in research and development, **VCU Technology** is in the forefront of the organic waste recycling industry.

About VCU Europa

With headquarters in the UK, **VCU Europa** is a wholly-owned subsidiary of **VCU Technology**. The company is responsible for sales, marketing and technical support on behalf of **VCU Technology** throughout Europe, working closely with local representatives in Finland, Ireland, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom.

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