The Status of State Recycling Organizations

Demingling the Mix
Each month, Resource Recycling provides readers with a round-up of the announcements and updates from equipment, material and service suppliers. If your company has an upcoming announcement and would like to be considered for this section, send an e-mail to henry@resource-recycling.com.

ACH Foam Technologies launched a new line of packaging made from 60-percent recycled expanded polystyrene (EPS). Dubbed WineLoc, the packaging is specifically designed for wine bottles and is projected to reduce the amount of packaging material introduced into the supply chain by 240,000 pounds annually. ACH recycles 100 percent of its post-industrial EPS scrap and is an Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers Sustainable Partner. More information on the company can be found by visiting http://achfoam.com.

Aluminum products manufacturer Novelis has been very active in Brazil. The company recently announced a $300 million investment to expand its aluminum rolling operations in Sao Paulo. Of this sum, $15 million is going directly to an expansion of recycling capacity at the site, to 220,000 tons per year. The upgrades should be complete by 2011. More information on Novelis can be found at www.novelis.com.

eRecycleSoft, LLC recently completed the sale and installation of its software for Cinco Electronics Recycling (CER), which focuses on managing material acquisition, processing, disposition and reporting. The information captured by eRecycleSoft allows CER to have accurately-detailed data, which is key for the downstream reporting needs of material supplying customers and the reporting requirements of the R2 (Responsible Recycling) certification. More information on eRecycleSoft can be found at www.erecyclesoft.com.

Alcoa and the Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) are teaming up to offer 2,000 22 gallon recycling bins to GRC members throughout the state. Members can apply for the bins, which will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information on the partnership, visit www.georgiarecycles.org. For the latest on Alcoa, visit www.alcoarecycling.com.

Approximately 60 investors, elected officials and employees of the newly renamed Agilyx (formerly Plas2Fuel Corp.) were in attendance at the company's official opening of its Tigard, Oregon facility. Agilyx converts waste plastic to synthetic crude oil through a series of modules, each capable of processing 1,000 pounds of plastic over a five-hour period. Four units are currently installed at the Tigard plant, which runs continuously for a total daily processing capacity of 20,000 pounds. Depending on the composition of the waste plastic used, the company says it can typically produce between 50 and 65 barrels of oil per day. Agilyx says its system will work with any resin type, but is ideally suited for on-site processing of difficult materials, such as sheet and film, polystyrene, polyvinyl chloride, or dirty mixed plastic. Visit www.plas2fuel.com for the latest information.

Construction is currently underway to add 100 million pounds of recycle and wash capacity, and 70 million pounds of flake production capacity, to Custom Polymers PET's Athens, Alabama facility. The improvements, which also includes the construction of a new 50,000-square-foot building on the company's site, will triple capacity for the PET processor, bringing its annual wash capacity to 150 million pounds. Custom Polymers PET completed a previous expansion of its Athens facility in March 2009, and began operating at full capacity last fall. The current expansion is scheduled to come on-line in early 2011, for updates, visit www.custompolymerspet.com.

Advanced Disposal Services Inc. (ADS), the nation's fourth largest privately-owned environmental services company, acquired New Port Richey, Florida-based solid waste collection services firm, Accurate Waste Systems (AWS). The deal includes commercial frontload and roll-off customer contracts and containers, and AWS employees will now become members of the Advanced Disposal team.

ADS acquisition of Accurate also comes on the heels of the company obtaining another Polk County-based company, Trash Taxi. Advanced Disposal has operations in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and Tennessee. More information on Advanced Disposal Services can be found at www.AdvancedDisposal.com.