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HotRot meets ‘zoo poo’ at Twycross

The latest HotRot installation is hard at work composting ‘zoo poo’ from the animal residents of Twycross Zoo, near Birmingham in the UK. The 40 acre zoo is home to around 1000 animals, including an extensive and highly regarded primate collection.

In addition to animal waste and bedding the HotRot is processing garden prunings from around the zoo site. The product will be used onsite, resulting in a significant reduction in the volume of waste going to landfill.

Since its commissioning in September the unit has been achieving high temperatures and generating a good quality product. Its presence at Twycross has been noted by a number of other zoos within the UK, opening a potential new market for HotRot technology.



Above: Twycross Zoo Conservation Officer Claire Pipe alongside the first batch of compost

Introducing our suppliers – Conveyor Industries

In this issue of HotOff-the-Press we bring you the first of a series of introductions to our key suppliers who make an important contribution to the quality of our HotRot systems.

Most of the feed and discharge conveyor systems in place in existing units have been supplied by Conveyor Industries, based in Tauranga, New Zealand.

Founded in mid 1999 by director Dennis Hey, Conveyor Industries have gained a strong reputation for quality bulk material handling systems across a range of industry sectors, including dairy, meat processing, wood waste, mining and grain handling. Their area of specialisation is the wine industry, with Conveyor Industries componentry in place in most of New Zealand’s wineries.

Dennis Hey and his team offer a complete ‘one-stop shop’ service from concept and design through to manufacture and installation. This enables them to ensure that the right solution is put in place to meet client requirements.

A particular expertise is the shaftless auger, which is the preferred auger type for HotRot systems. These have the advantage of being clean, low maintenance and able to carry materials of varying consistencies.

‘We like working with Dennis and his team as suppliers because of their willingness to work on developing proposals for us regardless of the final outcome,’ says HotRot marketing manager Peter Robinson. ‘We also value the high quality of the equipment they provide and the level of after sales service’.

Visit the Conveyor Industries website at: <http://www.conveyorindustries.co.nz>



Left: Feed hopper and conveyor from Conveyor Industries



Right: A shaftless auger in action

Two new market representatives signed up



Above: HotRot General Manager George Pottinger signing the agency agreement with Dr Sami Kassem, General Director of Protec, Qatar (www.protecind.com).

HotRot has taken on a new agent in the Middle East. On a recent overseas trip General Manager George Pottinger called in to Doha, Qatar, for discussions with Dr Sami Kassem, General Director of Protec (Professional Technical Services Co). The two year agency agreement covers Bahrain, the Sultanate of Oman, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Iran.

Enquiries from the Middle East have previously come through to the New Zealand office but have been difficult to service. The appointment of Protec is seen as the best way HotRot can service the growing demand in the region.

An agreement for market representation has also been signed with Laidest OU, an Estonian company offering a range of composting solutions within Eastern Europe. Laidest will represent us in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Finland (www.profile.ee).

UK Chief Engineer visits New Zealand office

Our UK engineer James Spreull spent a productive week in the New Zealand office recently. This was the first time James had travelled to New Zealand, and gave him a chance to see the large 3518 HotRot in operation at the Bromley Waste Water Treatment Plant. Treating the organic waste from these plants is a specialist area for HotRot technology.

While in Christchurch James was also able to visit the Selwyn District Council's two 1811 units and to fit in some skiing.

General Manager George Pottinger says the visit has enhanced the quality of technical communication within the company.

"Having James in Christchurch has further cemented the strong relationship between our New Zealand and UK offices," George says.



Right: James Spreull (fourth from right) encounters Maori culture on a night out with the New Zealand HotRot team and partners

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