

# UK Waste & Recycling Firms Need Better IT Systems To Cope With Increased Legislation

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Manchester, 30th June 2003: Under-investment in technology and a fragmented approach to information systems may stop UK waste management companies from meeting Government-imposed targets for recycling, according to research undertaken by leading business systems integrator Cedilla Systems.

The targets, which are imposed by the European Union as well as by the UK Government, are designed to tackle the 430 million tonnes of waste that is generated in the UK annually. The EU Landfill Directive has decreed that by 2010 the amount of biodegradable municipal waste being disposed of in landfill sites in the UK has to fall to 75% of that produced in 1995. This figure has to fall to 50% in 2013 and 33% in 2020.

The waste management and recycling industry is one of the most heavily regulated sectors of the UK economy. To avoid drowning in a sea of red tape, businesses in this sector need to be able to use the data within their organisations intelligently. Research carried out by Cedilla found that up to 90% of waste management companies are not using an integrated IT system. This could seriously impede their ability to keep pace with the changes in legislation affecting their sector and they will struggle to gain an accurate picture of the financial and operational performance of their business.

Most of these waste companies use different systems for different aspects of their business; with many using systems that have been developed in-house, or which have been adapted over a number of years in an ad hoc manner.

Cedilla is addressing these issues in the waste management sector with the launch of REgenerist, its ERP software solution developed specifically for this sector. REgenerist uses the Microsoft Business Solutions Navision platform, and builds Microsoft .Net technology into its architecture.

“REgenerist is the most technologically advanced software systems available for the waste management sector,” commented Jason Fazackerley, Sales and Marketing Director at Cedilla. “It will enable businesses to integrate their accounts, sales, purchases, waste tracking, HR and other information seamlessly. It will also provide powerful reporting tools for tracking and analysing waste and recycling data, equipment hire, vehicle costs, all of which are vitally important if UK waste management companies are to avoid being overburdened by data”.

REgenerist is already used by a number of waste businesses throughout Europe. REgenerist is launched into the UK at the Chartered Institute of Waste Management exhibition on 9 June.

Having a single, integrated system like REgenerist – developed on the highly stable Microsoft Business Solutions Navision platform – enables waste businesses to avoid time-consuming and costly repetitive data duplication across their organisation. Data from sales, equipment hire, work schedules and waste removal can be instantly pulled into the system, providing an instant and accurate picture of the business' performance, either from a financial perspective, or in relation to quotas and targets.

Mike Dickson, Cedilla Systems Managing Director, stressed the importance of having an integrated system for waste management businesses. "There are significant efficiency gains to be had from using a system like REgenerist; it automates many processes that are currently taking up valuable resources because they do not work together. Any business working in a sector of the economy that is subject to frequently changing legislative pressures needs to be fast and flexible in its operations; that requires access to accurate information across the whole business. With REgenerist, we are able to offer waste management businesses exactly these things."