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### Planning progresses for new Wheelabrator Technologies Waste to Energy facility in Kemsley North

Wheelabrator Technologies under WTI/EfW Holdings Ltd has been officially notified on Wednesday 9 October 2019 by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) that their application for a single development consent order (DCO) to build a new waste to energy facility, Wheelabrator Kemsley North (WKN) and to increase the gross MW output and tonnage throughput at its Kemsley (K3) facility has been accepted for examination. The application was submitted on Wednesday 11 September 2019.

The application is for consent to construct, operate and maintain a single line waste to energy facility WKN, with a maximum throughput of 390KTPA. The facility will be capable of generating 42 MW (gross) of renewable energy. The DCO application will also increase the gross output for K3 from 49.9MW to 75MW and the tonnage by a further 107KTPA to a maximum of 657KTPA.

WKN is to be located adjacent and to the north of K3 which is currently being constructed and due to become operational later this year. Both facilities are located on land owned by DS Smith and adjacent to DS Smith's paper mill. WKN will use the same access to the facility as K3.

The application which was accepted by PINS will now enter the examination phase, which gives interested people the opportunity to make representations on the application and become involved in the examination process expected to be held in early 2020. It is anticipated that the application will be determined by February 2021 following a final decision by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

Construction of WKN would then commence shortly after reaching financial close on the project by spring 2021, with construction being completed in 2024.

A permit variation application for K3 was also submitted on Thursday 19 September 2019 to the Environment Agency. The application seeks to vary the current permit to increase the throughput of the facility from 550KTPA to 657KTPA, an additional throughput of 107KTPA

**Wheelabrator Technologies Vice President for Business Development, Paul Green** said:

“As the construction of the K3 project nears completion this is an important next step for both projects. I would encourage anyone who has an opinion to register their intent to make representation to PINS during the pre-examination stage.”



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The application and accompanying documents are available to view online through the Planning Inspectorate's website and at [www.wtikemsley.co.uk](http://www.wtikemsley.co.uk).

A formal notice explaining the project has been accepted for examination, where the application documents can be inspected and how people can make representations has been published in local and national newspapers and placed at various locations around the site. This notice complies with Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008.

### **About Wheelabrator UK**

Wheelabrator Technologies is the fourth largest UK waste to energy business and is an industry leader in the conversion of everyday residential and business waste into renewable energy. Wheelabrator currently has a platform of four (three under construction) strategically located assets across the UK. Wheelabrator has been developing, building, owning and operating energy-from-waste facilities for over 45 years. Wheelabrator also recover metals for recycling into commercial products and recycling of bottom ash for re-use as construction aggregates. Wheelabrator UK currently has an annual waste processing capacity of over 2.1 million tonnes (2.3 million tons), and a total combined electric generating capacity of 245 megawatts—enough energy to power more than 500,000 UK homes. The company's vision To develop, deliver and realise the potential of clean energy speaks to Wheelabrator's ongoing commitment to the development of clean and renewable energy solutions for its customers and local communities. Wheelabrator remain committed to investing and building new long-term energy-from-waste facilities that divert residential and business waste from landfill and produce renewable baseload energy. Wheelabrator is owned by Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets, a business within the Macquarie Asset Management division of Macquarie Group and a global alternative asset manager focused on real estate, infrastructure, agriculture and energy assets. For more on Wheelabrator, please visit [www.wtienergy.co.uk](http://www.wtienergy.co.uk).

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