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Sustainable refuse sacks to take centre stage at The Cleaning Show

One of Europe's leading manufacturers of refuse sacks, RPC bpi refuse, is once again bringing its environmental message and sustainable products to the UK's largest trade event dedicated to cleaning and hygiene at The Cleaning Show from 19-21 March 2019 at ExCeL London.

RPC bpi refuse is helping to define the debate on the ever-more critical issues of sustainability, recycling and the circular economy. A visit to its stand is therefore a must for industry leaders and decision makers keen to learn about environmental stewardship and the newest technology, or to take on board the latest ideas on best practice in sustainability and recycling.

RPC bpi refuse supports the circular economy by turning plastic, otherwise destined for landfill, into second-life products. The company recycles more than 150,000 tonnes of plastic material each year, giving new life to polythene from commercial, industrial, packaging and agricultural sources.

This sets RPC bpi refuse apart from others in terms of sustainable procurement: clients that buy second-life recycled products such as its recycled refuse sacks save valuable resources and inject income into the national economy. They are also helping to save the planet, as every tonne of polythene recycled by the company saves 1.8 tonnes of crude oil, reduces

energy use by two thirds, uses 90 per cent less water and cuts sulphur dioxide emissions by 33 per cent.

The best-selling, new-life product is the Green Sack™ range of 100% recycled refuse sacks, which offers the toughest, greenest UK-manufactured refuse sacks for the retail, janitorial, food service and local authority markets. The Green Sack™ range not only helps conserve resources and reduce landfill, but is produced at RPC bpi refuse's in-house facility, giving it a carbon footprint up to a third lower than alternative recycled refuse sacks typically produced in the Far East.

Lorcan Mekitarian, Sales Director, RPC bpi refuse, says: "Sustainability is more than a product; it is an attitude, an ethos, and a level of service. RPC bpi refuse is an exemplar on best practice and environmental stewardship. A host of ISOs and certifications such as accreditation from the Cleaning & Hygiene Suppliers Association (CHSA) proves RPC bpi refuse products perform in the workplace as well as they protect the wider environment. Meanwhile professional service is a premium pedestal on which RPC bpi refuse stands proud, promising tailored products and on-time delivery every time."

Such innovation has helped the company win peer approval and international plaudits. Last year, Lorcan and his colleagues were invited to a ceremony in the Houses of Parliament to receive a Green Apple Environment Award. The international award recognised best practices that helped the company achieve Valpak accreditation for 'Zero Waste to Landfill' across 75% of its sites.

"If you are interested in both the latest technological developments our sector has to offer and in taking a more active role in the circular economy and sustainability, then you will be in the perfect place at our stand at The Cleaning Show," adds Lorcan. "We will have the biggest and boldest range of products on show next year while our team will offer the most cutting-edge ideas on sustainable products, ethical trade and the circular economy."

See RPC bpi refuse's product range and meet the team at The Cleaning Show, Stand G31, from 19-21 March 2019 at ExCeL London.

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The Green Sack™ range

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Notes to Editors:

- RPC bpi refuse operates four UK sites.
- RPC bpi refuse is part of British Polythene Ltd which was purchased in August 2016 by RPC Group Plc - a plastic products design and engineering company with over 180 operations across 33 countries and employing over 20,000 people.
- The polythene used to make the company's award winning Green Sack™ range of refuse sacks is made from recycled British farm waste plastics. The finished product has a carbon footprint that is estimated to be at least 35 per cent less than any other refuse sack in the UK. Already the most tear-resistant option on the market, the latest version – Green Sack Fusion – has been made even stronger by combining triple layer extrusion technology with a new core layer formulation made from super strength waste polythene.
- RPC bpi refuse is accredited to ISO: 14001, ISO: 9001:2008, and OHSAS: 18001.
- The company's refuse sacks have been certified to CHSA (Cleaning and Hygiene Suppliers Association) standards. The CHSA represents all the major manufacturers and distributors which supply cleaning and hygiene products in the UK. Certification ensures that products conform to the highest industry standards – for example, that 'heavy duty' sacks really fulfill their claim. New members are audited four times throughout their first year, and at least twice annually thereafter.