

# Community Newsletter

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## Letter from Dr. Gene Wilson, Group Technical Director of Augean Plc



I take great pleasure in introducing myself as Group Technical Director of Augean Plc. Since our last newsletter in the summer, Augean has been very busy indeed, with much of the work done, highlighted below. The waste industry is in the midst of the introduction of new legislation, which brings higher standards of environmental and safety management for wastes. Augean is in the vanguard of the industry working closely with the Environment Agency to promote and implement the new standards at all of our sites. We recognise that activities of any business which is involved with helping solve the nation's waste problems can have an impact on the communities in which they operate. I take very seriously our responsibility to be mindful of others when conducting our business. Should you have any concerns - however minor - please do not hesitate to contact us on 0870 041 6452.

With kind regards  
Dr. Wilson

## Joint venture; Terramundo, the soil treatment centre is created

We were very pleased to announce the creation of Terramundo, a joint venture company with Belgium based DEC NV, which will operate a soil treatment centre at Augean's Port Clarence landfill site in the North East of England. The facility will be operational in early 2007.

Terramundo offers physio-chemical treatment for soils which cannot be sent directly to landfill and will make Port Clarence the largest operational soil waste treatment centre in the UK. The joint venture will enable

the recovery of soils that would otherwise be disposed of at landfill therefore minimising the environmental and social impact of hazardous waste to the general public.

## Mark's Quarry in County Durham turned from landfill to green fields

Mark's quarry in County Durham, which was used as a non-hazardous landfill site up until recently, is in the process of being capped and turned back into agriculture together with habitats of nature conservation interest. The quarry is a perfect example of where the process of landfilling has transformed a dis-used quarry and has returned the land to beneficial use in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. Augean is always conscious of the effects of landfill on the local environment and so does everything in its power to minimise any adverse effects of the process. Augean will continue to manage the environmental controls at the site, until the stabilisation process is completed to the satisfaction of the Environment Agency.

## £4m spent on Remediation and Restoration Thornhaugh

Following an inherited problem of over-tipping from the previous owners of the Thornhaugh landfill site in Cambridgeshire, Augean has spent £4 million remedying the problem to the satisfaction of the Environment Agency and local residents. The over-tipped waste has been removed to the approved profile and the area has been restored. The summer of 2007 will see the A47 road frontage of the site develop as a green and pleasant aspect to road users and adjacent residents.

Through this process and significant investment, Augean is continuing its focus on its responsibility toward the local environment and communities.

## News In brief

### Badgers and reptiles protected at Collyweston Wood after King's Cliffe remediation



During the summer and autumn of 2006 Augean has undertaken major remediation works costing £1.5M at the northern slope of King's Cliffe to address stability issues left by our predecessors. Proposals for the remediation were developed in consultation with the Environment Agency, English Nature, Northamptonshire County Council and the local Liaison Committee. The works involved excavation of waste, regrading of slopes, capping and restoration. Augean has been soundly complemented by all parties on the standard of the work and the high level of environmental control exercised throughout.



To protect a major badger sett in the adjacent Collyweston Wood whilst achieving the essential stability of the slope it was necessary to construct a rock gabion wall. This is a 4m high series of wire baskets filled with stone along an 80m stretch of the slope. The gabion walls ensured that the badgers were not disturbed during the works and now have a safe secluded location. The restoration has provided the opportunity to create 1.4ha of coarse grassland habitat suitable for reptiles and amphibian foraging further contributing to the nature conservation interest at the site. Extensive environmental monitoring by Augean has taken place at the remediated section of the King's Cliffe site and has shown that the works have not affected the animals and was undertaken to the highest and best practice standard required.

### New Finance Director appointed at Augean PLC

Peter Southby joined the board of Augean as Finance Director in November 2006. Previous to this, Peter was in the finance department of White Young Green PLC, the acquisitive support services consultancy. Having graduated with a 1st Class Honours Degree from Oxford University, Peter trained as a Chartered Accountant at Arthur Andersen and, following a period as a senior audit manager at Arthur Andersen, Peter was Finance Manager at Leeds United plc from June 2000 to December 2002.



### Integrated Management System (IMS) approved by BSI

The Group-wide IMS for landfill and headquarters has been approved by the British Standards Institute (BSI), meaning Augean Plc has received recognition from the

highest standards organisation in the United Kingdom, of its safety, environmental and quality management; demonstrating that the Group operates to the highest possible standards.

The IMS for the Group's treatment facilities around the UK is in the process of being granted and will be rolled out early in 2007.

### Profile: Abigail Piddington: Group Compliance Manager, Augean PLC

Abigail has worked with the company since December 2003. She previously worked in consultancy and has over 9 years experience within the waste management industry.



Abigail is responsible for the development, implementation and maintenance of management systems across the Group to facilitate environmental, safety and service quality functions. A key part of this role is monitoring the compliance of our sites to their IPPC permits, authorisations and current legislation. Abigail played a key role in our Landfill Division achieving certification to ISO 14001, ISO 9001 and OHSAS 18001 for its operational management systems. She is also working with schools local to our sites and this year organised a competition with King's Cliffe Endowed School looking at waste management issues. A similar exercise is planned with the school for early 2007.

Abigail said: "I thoroughly enjoy working for Augean and take pride in our approach to developing our business to improve operational standards, both within our company and within our industry".

### Open to ideas

Augean keeps an open mind as to the distribution of its landfill tax fund, over and above grants given to the Rutland Water Osprey project and other worthy local projects. Every tonne of waste that goes over the weigh bridge provides further sums of money for the landfill tax fund which can be distributed in the local area. If you have any ideas for local projects which might benefit from grant funding, please contact George Weeks at South West England Environmental Trust (SWEET) on 0117 904 5858.

### Should you have any questions of the Augean team, please contact:

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