
European WEEE news – September 2010.

Dear readers,

we have prepared the following topics for you this month:

- Commodities:** Rising again.
- Business Initiatives:** Green hoovers from AEG.
- The Recycler's View:** Microorganisms enhance recycling of e-scrap.
- From (the) countries:** Germany, France, UK and Ghana.

Commodities: Rising again.

Our partner for the commodity reports, the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, reports an increase in world steel production of one quarter over the first seven months in 2010. The EU has even jumped up by 45 %. Along with this development, the steel prices have gone up also in August. Equally, the scrap prices increased for the first time since April this year.

For the full report, please go to www.rene-europe.com under WEEE News/ Commodity reports.

Business Initiatives: Green hoovers from AEG.

IFA (Internationale Funkausstellung) in Berlin has seen AEG's new eco Hoover line. The five models that make up the product mix consist of up to 70 % recycled material. AEG thus achieves resource efficiency gains from the beginning of the production downwards into the items' life cycle.

Source: www.cleantinking.de/ifa-2010-staubsauger-umweltschonend/6244/ Since August,

The recyclers' view: Microorganisms enhance recycling of e-scrap.

The university of Zurich, Switzerland, has tested a method for extracting metals out of residual dust from e-waste. This approach is already known in the mining industry and may open new opportunities for gaining metals from dust that remains at the end of e-scrap recycling processes. Currently this dust is simply incinerated, the comprised metals are thus lost.

Source: Europaticker

From (the) countries:

Germany: Sales of conventional bulbs still at high levels.

Banning 100 W bulbs from the German market has not brought down sales to the desired level. Producers have build up their stocks prior to the deadline of the 1st September 2009 and still benefit from sales – now at three times higher prices than before. Even though legal, this marketing behaviour was not intended by the legislator.

Source: Die Welt, Saturday, 11th September 2010, p. 18

France: Consolidation.

France reports cooperation agreements between SIMS, Immark and Chimirec. The recycling market consolidates further on as we have seen in Italy recently.

Source: RENE research.

UK: First UK prosecution for WEEE producer

The UK Environment Agency has won a court case against hairdressing supplies wholesaler Aston & Fincher Ltd who was pleaded guilty for failure of complying with the legislation upon electrical and electronic waste and the packaging waste regulations.

Aston & Fincher was fined with nearly 37.000 Euro for non-compliance and gaining competitive advantage over those producers who complied and carried the related costs for registration, reporting, collection and treatment of waste.

For the UK Environment Agency this case serves as a strong signal to the market for taking the obligation from the regulations seriously.

Source: UK Environment Agency

Ghana: Recycling for environment and people.

The Öko-Institute has presented a study which discusses that e-scrap recycling in Africa could work along European quality standards and meet social-ethical standards at the same time.

Source: Europaticker

We wish all of our readers a succesful month!

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