

## Press Release

# Step forward for cardboard, paper and plastics recycling in Western Sydney as REMONDIS ramps up baling operations

**Sydney, 21 October 2022, REMONDIS Australia** – Cardboard, paper and soft plastics recycling has taken another step forward in New South Wales with REMONDIS now operating a state of the art baling facility at its REMONDIS St Marys facility in Western Sydney.

The \$2.5 million facility has the capacity to bale up to 25,000 tonnes of recyclable material every year.

The baling operation adds a vital waste processing link at the St Marys site, making it a cost-efficient and environmentally friendly one-stop-shop for waste collection, separation, sorting, baling and distribution for recycling.

Recyclable materials are received from other waste collection companies and also direct from REMONDIS's large customers. Much of the material originates from Sydney's Greater West, including local collection routes and shopping centres.

Much of the baled products will be processed via REMONDIS' in-house Commodity Trading Desk, with bales transferred to Visy, Opal and offshore export markets for recycling into other cardboard products.

The baler is a 180 HP Godswill GB-1111F, having been refurbished at St Marys after the plant was acquired during the company's acquisition of Watts Waste. The feed conveyor and ramp are new, supplied by Material Recovery Solutions.

Four new jobs have been created as baling operations ramp up, adding to the 50+ existing jobs at the St Marys site which specialises in general commercial waste logistics and recycling services.

"This new baling capacity means we can do end-to-end waste handling on site instead of collecting recyclables and sending them elsewhere for processing," REMONDIS General Manager NSW/ACT **Susie McBurney** said.

"The waste comes to us and we process it and feed it back to the market, enabling it to be used all over again.

"This is a win for local businesses wanting to manage their waste locally, and a win for the economy, employment and, most of all, the environment."

The new capability is timely given cardboard use in Australia.

"Australia is a big consumer of cardboard," REMONDIS Chief Technical Officer **Alex Hatherly** said.

"So much of what we buy comes in cardboard, and most is imported from manufacturers in South East Asia.

“The capability we’ve added at St Marys streamlines our ability to send used cardboard back to our northern neighbours where it can be recycled into more environmentally sustainable packaging for goods being imported to Australia, reducing consumption of virgin materials for packing production.”

The launch marks another milestone for REMONDIS, given that St Marys is where the international waste management leader commenced operations in Australia in 1982, forty years ago.

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**REMONDIS** is one of the world’s largest privately run recycling, service and water companies with around 900 business locations in over 30 countries and across four continents. Founded in 1934, this family-run business employs more than 38,000 people and generates a turnover of €8.3 billion (2020). Each year, it processes more than 30 million tonnes of recyclable materials and provides services for local authorities, small and medium-sized businesses and industrial firms as well as for around 30 million people. Operating in many different fields of business, REMONDIS makes an important contribution towards protecting the environment and conserving natural resources – from recovering valuable raw materials from industrial and household waste, to producing high quality recycled raw materials, all the way through to transforming non-recyclable materials into a range of different fuels. Moreover, the company is increasingly helping to advance the switch from fossil fuels to renewables by using biomass as a source of energy. REMONDIS sees itself as an adviser and point of contact for industrial, commercial and retail businesses as well as for local authorities as it helps them to find regional and bespoke solutions. **REMONDIS Australia** commenced operations in 1982 and now services more than 24,000 customers nationally.

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