

Waste Management's Garick Recognized as One of the Top Green Supply Chain Partners

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Garick Recognized by Food Logistics as One of the Top 20 Green Supply Chain Partners in the United States.

HOUSTON, TX- June 22, 2011 - Garick LLC, a subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc. (NYSE:WM) and a leading manufacturer, marketer and distributor of organic lawn and garden products has been recognized by Food Logistics as #8 in their Top 20 Green Supply Chain Partners of 2011. Food Logistics is the only publication exclusively dedicated to the grocery and foodservice distribution supply chain.

After receiving nomination forms from solution providers, the Food Logistics editorial staff reviewed the submissions to compile their 2011 rankings. Final recipients are featured in the June 2011 issue of Food Logistics, as well as online at <http://www.foodlogistics.com>.

Waste Management acquired Garick in September 2010, and the integration of Garick's six facilities has added over one million tons of processing capacity to Waste Management's organics recycling business. It has also helped spur development of composting and bagging facilities at Waste Management facilities across North America. This expansion of organic recycling services and products will be beneficial to WM's residential, commercial and industrial customers seeking to convert their organic wastes into products such as compost, mulch and organic soil amendment.

"This recognition by an industry leader such as Food Logistics has helped validate our work in organics and green supply chains," said Gary Trinetti, chief executive officer for Garick. "Waste Management's investment has allowed Garick to expand its geographical footprint in both supply and service to our growing customer base and we look forward to moving up the list in the coming years."

Organic compost is considered a part of the green retail market, which has been growing at 20 percent annually. North America generates over 80 million tons of organic waste each year; and in the United States, approximately a third of municipal solid waste is organic, including food, yard and wood waste. Approximately 65 percent of yard waste and 2.5 percent of food waste collected in the United States is currently diverted from disposal.



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“This recognition of Garick’s work in pioneering, innovative and creative products, services and programs has been very beneficial to our food and beverage customers in helping them achieve their sustainability or green goals,” said Tim Cesarek, managing director of Organic Growth at Waste Management.

About Garick

Garick, LLC, a North American distributor, processor and recycler of sustainable natural resource products, prides itself on its commitment to sustainability and environmental practices. Using food, yard and forest products residuals, Garick diverts and beneficially reuses organic waste streams and creates organic mulches, soils, and other sustainable products, supplying customers with a complete range of products in bags, bales or bulk. Garick’s six facilities make nationally branded products including Black Satin® Mulch, Organic Valley™ soil, Designated Dryer® sports turf conditioner, Hydrocks™ soil enhancer, Rooflite™ rooftop garden mix, Kids Karpet® recreational surfacing, Moo-Nure™ organic compost and Nature’s Helper® soil conditioner. To learn more visit www.garick.com.

About Waste Management

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Our subsidiaries provide collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. We are the largest residential recycler and also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill-gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. Our customers include residential, commercial, industrial and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

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