

# Waste Management Announces Acquisition of Greenstar, LLC from NTR plc

Strategic move expands company's customer base, service network and recycling volumes

**HOUSTON - January 31, 2013** - Waste Management, Inc. (NYSE: WM) today announced that its subsidiary, WM Recycle America, L.L.C., has acquired Greenstar, LLC from NTR plc. The acquisition will provide Waste Management's customers with greater access to recycling solutions by adding the operations of one of the nation's largest private recyclers to Waste Management's already extensive recycling network.

In 2012, the acquired operations of Greenstar and its subsidiaries managed approximately 1.5 million tons of recycled material for over 12,000 customers through 12 material recovery facilities, including seven single-stream plants, and a brokerage business for recovered material. With this acquisition, Waste Management will have capacity to manage approximately 15 million tons annually of recyclable materials for municipal, industrial, and commercial customers.

"Acquiring Greenstar advances our growth and transformation strategy to extract more value from the material that we manage. We have a stated goal of managing 20 million tons of recyclable material by 2020. With these assets, we have the capacity to achieve almost three quarters of that goal and extend our ability to provide the recycling services that customers want," said William Caesar, President of Waste Management Recycle America and Organic Growth.

This acquisition aligns with Waste Management's financial goals of growing earnings, expanding margins, increasing free cash flow, and increasing returns on invested capital. Operational activities at these facilities will continue as normal while integration with WM proceeds in the weeks ahead.

Caesar concluded, "The Greenstar material recovery facilities complement our existing recycling assets, and their managed services business will expand our brokerage and national account service offerings. We are excited about adding Greenstar's team to ours and continuing to provide exceptional service to our customers as we execute our transformation strategy."

## ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is the largest recycler in North America and a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more information about Waste Management visit [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) or [www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com).

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