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Plans for waste transfer station submitted to Newport City Council

Plans for a residual waste transfer station that will be linked to a proposed Energy-from-Waste facility have been submitted to Newport City Council.

The application is being made by Covanta Energy Ltd, which proposes to build a £400m Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facility on the outskirts of Merthyr Tydfil.

The residual waste transfer station, which is planned for the docks area, would collect local, non-recyclable household and commercial waste for transport by rail in fully enclosed containers to the Brig y Cwm EfW Facility. It is one of a network of strategically sited transfer stations that will be collection points for the facility.

The transfer station will have low visual impact and operate to very high environmental standards.

Waste will be delivered to the transfer station by road. This will not result in any additional traffic movements as this waste is already transported by road when it is at present disposed of in landfill sites. Diversion of waste that cannot be recycled from landfill sites to an EfW facility offers significant environmental and cost benefits.

The proposed Brig y Cwm Facility will have the ability to generate sustainable energy from residual waste – which is the waste left over once materials which can sensibly be recycled have been removed for reuse. The application for the Facility is currently being considered by the Infrastructure Planning Commission – the independent body which decides on major infrastructure projects in Wales and England.

Planning applications for the supporting waste transfer stations however are submitted to the relevant local planning authorities. An application for a waste transfer station in Cardiff has also been submitted to Cardiff City Council. The applications are part of the planned development of rail-based infrastructure within Wales to collect the residual waste that will be converted to energy at Brig y Cwm.

A full copy of the application and supporting material are available to view at Newport City Council Offices at the Civic Centre, Newport. The documents are also available to view on the Covanta website – www.covantaenergy.co.uk/site/wales

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Enquiries to Covanta Wales press office on 02920 556143

Notes to editor:

- Covanta is the world's leading Energy from Waste (EfW) provider with more than 25 years' experience in the industry.
- Covanta operates 44 facilities worldwide and treats more than 18 million tonnes of municipal waste every year.
- Covanta Energy entered the UK market in 2005, with an office in the West Midlands, and is building a team to manage the company's UK operations.
- Covanta's Energy from Waste system is the most affordable and practical solution for treating residual waste. By investing in larger plants, Covanta is able to maximise economies of scale and pass these savings on to the local authority.
- Covanta uses modern, efficient and proven EfW technology designed to operate well within stringent EU standards.
- Covanta's system enables local authorities to significantly reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill and guarantee they meet their landfill diversion targets.
- Covanta undertakes all design, construction and project management elements when developing new sites; reducing the risk and additional cost of using turnkey contractors.

About Covanta Energy

Covanta Holding Corporation (NYSE:CVA), is an internationally recognised owner and operator of large-scale Energy from Waste and renewable energy projects and a recipient of the Energy Innovator Award from the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Covanta's 44 Energy from Waste facilities provide communities with an environmentally friendly solution to their solid waste disposal needs by using that municipal solid waste to generate energy, the majority of which is considered to be renewable. Annually, Covanta's modern Energy from Waste facilities safely and securely convert over 18 million

tonnes of waste into more than 9 million megawatt hours of electricity and generate over 4 million kg of steam that are sold to a variety of industries. For more information, visit www.covantaenergy.com.