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Covanta Energy and Freightliner announce agreement on city waste station

- **Facility will have capacity to handle all Cardiff's waste**

Covanta Energy has reached agreement with Freightliner Group Ltd to create a facility that will enable rail transportation of domestic and commercial waste from Cardiff to the proposed £400m Brig y Cwm energy from waste (EfW) plant in Merthyr Tydfil.

The agreement is for a rail-linked transfer station to be sited at Freightliner's South Wales International Freight Terminal at Wentloog, to the east of the city.

The transfer station will receive municipal and commercial waste that will be sorted to extract recyclable materials. The remaining non-recyclable waste will be compacted under cover into sealed containers and transported by train to Brig y Cwm. The EfW facility will supply electricity to around 180,000 Welsh homes and greatly reduce the need for waste to be sent to environmentally damaging landfill sites. Brig y Cwm will also provide up to 500 jobs during construction and up to 100 full-time jobs in Wales thereafter.

Covanta Energy's UK Managing Director Malcolm Chilton said, "We are pleased to have reached agreement with Freightliner to construct this waste transfer station as the Wentloog site offers a number of benefits. It will use the same roadway as Lamby Way landfill site so there will be no increase in traffic used to transport waste.

"The station will only accept waste from the Cardiff area, as we are planning a network of transfer stations which could serve other local authority areas. There will be no increase in the amount of waste being transported into Cardiff.

"In addition, Brig y Cwm offers the benefit to local authorities of much lower waste disposal costs, at a time when many landfill sites are nearing closure and landfill taxes are set to soar – potentially adding to council tax bills."

David Israel, Commercial Director of Freightliner Heavy Haul added, “This agreement will be mutually beneficial as the additional throughput of material for Covanta will utilise spare capacity within the complex at Wentloog. This is the first part of a long standing development which will eventually see Freightliner transporting fuel into the Brig y Cwm site by rail and will also promote further the use of rail freight within Wales.”

Covanta Energy is a world leader in producing energy-from-waste, operating 45 plants worldwide.

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- **The Brig y Cwm facility will:**
 - Provide sustainable energy for Welsh households and industry
 - Create up to 500 jobs during construction and thereafter up to 100 full-time jobs in Wales
 - Benefit environment by providing alternative to landfill sites for waste disposal
 - Reduce costs for local authorities and taxpayers
 - Use rail as the primary mode of transporting waste

Brig y Cwm will be located near to Miller Argent (South Wales) Ltd Cwmbargoed disposal point. It will be alongside the existing railway line that will link it to a number of rail operated waste transfer stations to be created across Wales, enabling the waste to be transported by rail. This will greatly reduce the need for road haulage of waste.

Brig y Cwm will make Wales a UK leader in obtaining electricity from renewable resources and address the increasingly serious problem of household and commercial rubbish disposal. Some of the largest landfill sites in Wales are due to close this year, leaving a shortfall of available capacity. Local authorities must also find alternative options to landfill in order to meet tough environmental targets. The plant will consume only waste that cannot effectively be re-used or recycled.

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