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2nd SYNERGIA Forum Waste to Energy Research and Technology Council

«Integrated MSW Management: Recycling and Waste to Energy»

Athens, 15 June 2010 – The second SYNERGIA forum was held on Thursday 10th of June 2010 at the National Hellenic Research Foundation with great success, concerning integrated municipal solid waste (MSW) management.

The forum was held under the auspice of the Council of Sustainable Development of the Confederation of Greek Industries and with the support of the Earth Engineering Center of Columbia University (New York), of the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) and the Confederation of European Waste-to-Energy Plants (CEWEP).

The commencement of the forum was made by the general secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Professor A. Andreopoulos. On behalf of the political world, speeches were given by the president of the Special Permanent Committee for the Protection of the Environment of the Greek Parliament, Professor K. Kartalis, the former President of the same committee, Mr. K. Mitsotakis and Member of the Greek Parliament, Mr V. Oikonomou.

A fertile and vibrant scientific dialogue was developed concerning the crucial points of sustainable waste management, of recycling and of waste to energy in Greece and Europe with the participation of well known members of the Greek and international scientific community, representatives of the local administration and relevant authorities (Municipalities, Solid Waste Competent Authorities, the Hellenic Solid Waste Management Association, the Public Power Corporation, the Institute of Energy of South East Europe) as well as private organizations, professionals, etc. The intervention of Mr Filippos Kirkitsos, representative of the ecological recycling company was very important.

A thorough briefing of the participants concerning the technologies of recycling and waste to energy of MSW was made, drawing upon the vast experience from the European Union. The final conclusion in brief was that: **Recycling at the source goes hand in hand with waste to energy** and is an essential component for a «green» city, according to the reports of environmental and ecological organizations. The most characteristic examples are the green capitals of Europe (Copenhagen, Stockholm, Paris, Vienna, Lisbon etc.)

Concerning SYNERGIA:

The Waste to Energy Research and Technology council ("SYNERGIA", www.wtert.gr, www.synergia.com.gr) was founded in July 2008 by the Earth Engineering Center of Columbia University, U.S.A., members of the Thermodynamics and Transport Phenomena Laboratory, School of Chemical Engineering, National Technical University of Athens, Greece, members of the Laboratory of Heat Transfer and Environmental Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, and the company INTRAKAT S.A. of Greece. Also, CEWEP and many other professors from greek and foreign universities, participate. The major objective of the Council is to bring together professionals from universities, government and industry who are interested in helping Greece to implement technologies for the recovery of energy from solid wastes (WTE) and preserve valuable Greek land for the future generations.

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