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NEW MATERIALS RECOVER FACILITY HANDLES PACKAGED GOODS RECYCLING

Abingdon, VA – MXI Environmental Services (MXI), a waste transportation and environmental services company, is pleased to announce the opening of its new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at 26319 Old Trail Road (State Road 879), Abingdon, VA. The 11.5 acre site has three buildings: a 3,000 square foot administrative office, an 8,000-sq. ft. maintenance garage and a 24,000-sq. ft. Materials Recovery Facility. The MRF is capable of handling 200 tons of waste that can be received in drums or cartons, or palletized loads. The MRF is more than double the capacity of the previous facility operated by MXI.

Many consumer goods companies find themselves stuck with warehouses full of damaged or outdated packaged goods, or store returns. “This facility opening represents a significant commitment by MXI to helping its customers dispose of waste packaged goods in an environmentally friendly way,” says Ron Potter, MXI’s president. “Our new facility will continue to use MXI’s proprietary decontainerizing and recycling process, which is an alternative to incineration that has saved our customers hundreds of thousands of dollars.”

The facility can process a variety of wastes, including

- packaged lotions, soaps, powders & other solids
- fragrance oils
- alcohol in drums or totes
- bottled products containing alcohols
- drummed lotions, soaps, powders & other solids

MXI can also transport waste, including less than truckload quantities, from the customer facility on MXI-owned trucks.

When waste consumer goods are received at the MRF, they are stored in a secure warehouse until they are processed. “It’s important to many of our customers that we have this area under lock and key,” says Mr. Potter. “It prevents diversion of product to third tier markets, for example, and helps protect our customers’ brand images.”

Each product is taken apart, with external packaging and paper inserts separated and readied for recycling or for disposal by landfilling or incineration. Containers of lotions, creams, and liquid soaps are crushed then dumped into large, movable disposal containers. If the customer requests, these products can be recovered and recycled. Liquid soaps can be recovered and resold in bulk and soap bars can be defaced before disposal. The MRF also has the capability to break down and credit store returns as needed by its customers.

Perfumes and other products containing ethyl alcohol (ethanol) are loaded into MXI’s proprietary equipment. Containers are crushed, and the alcohol-containing liquids are pumped off to storage. The crushed glass or plastics are recycled or landfilled. The alcohol is currently pumped to tank trucks for transport to recycling at a facility approved by ATF (US Dept. of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms) to handle ethanol. MXI is in the final stages of constructing and permitting its own distillation unit which will allow alcohol-based products to be recycled onsite.

MXI has been in business since 1960 when founder C.G. Potter started a small trucking operation out of the Erie Railroad ramp in Jersey City, NJ. He named the company Maumee Express after his hometown of Maumee, OH. Today the company has two divisions, Maumee Express, which handles hazardous and nonhazardous waste trucking, and MXI Environmental Services, which offers waste recycling, remediation and disposal services. The company is permitted for waste transport in 42 states and serves a nationwide customer base from its facilities in Abingdon, VA, Piscataway, NJ, and Fontana, CA. MXI also operates waste transfer stations at Piscataway (hazardous waste), Abingdon (hazardous and solid waste) and Fontana (hazardous waste). The MXI website www.mxinc.com has more information about MXI and a complete list of services.