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Statement of Assurance 2015/16

Response to Questions from Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority

1. Have the key risks to the achievement of the Company's objectives been subject to identification and review during the year together with the adequacy of related internal controls? Are these reflected in the Company's Corporate Risk Register?

The key financial risks to the achievement of the company's objectives are identified and reviewed as part of its annual audit.

In operational terms, the accounts are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the executive team, in liaison with the company's Independent Financial Advisors and reported to the Board.

The Board approved a 'de-capitalisation' exercise at the last Board meeting, along with the formal documentation which will result in the release of funds back to MWDA during 2015/16.

2. Have agreed actions resulting from internal quality control reviews been implemented or are still subject to planned implementation?

MWHL no longer undertakes any operational activities and the principal function is now reduced to providing access to the 3C Arpley contract for MWDA which is agreed monthly with MWDA.

MWHL does however continue to manage a small number of legal claims and has changed its corporate structure to a form more appropriate to its new level of activity. In respect of these activities MWHL has Professional, Legal and Financial Advisors supporting these activities.

3. Have agreed actions of Auditor reports been implemented or are still subject to planned implementation?

Our Auditors have made no recommendations or comments on the company's internal controls and procedures, hence no actions in respect of this are deemed necessary.

4. Have agreed actions resulting from key external inspection agencies e.g Environment Agency or any other relevant inspectorates, been implemented or are still subject to planned implementation?

As far as I am aware, all agreed actions from key inspection agencies have been implemented.

5. In your opinion, are there any significant internal control issues that you consider should be brought to the attention of the Authority?

In my opinion, there are no significant internal control issues that I consider should be brought to the attention of the Authority.

Peter Williams

DIRECTOR

3/3/16 DATE