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Statement of Assurance

Mersey Waste Holdings Limited

2006/07

I have attached for your review a copy of the accounts for the above company together with a duly signed audit report. In addition, I attach a Letter of Representation (LOR) signed by the directors of the company as presented to our auditors in support of these financial statements.

As you are no doubt aware, the LOR confirms to our auditors, shareholders and potential readers of the accounts that there have been no significant events or occurrences which affect the operations of the business which need to be brought to their attention. The audit letter as signed by BDO Stoy Hayward is their confirmation that they are satisfied with the internal controls in place in respect of financial matters. I would also inform you that BDO Stoy Hayward undertook a full systems and control review in August 2006 and reported no significant weaknesses within our financial controls. Areas or reduced control identified by them have been reported to management and have been actioned as part of our ongoing procedural reviews.

As far as the operational activities of the business are concerned, I would bring to your attention that the company has accreditation as an Investor in People, and for ISO 9001 and ISO 14001. As part of these accreditations, the company's operations are subject to an annual external review (although interim reviews are also undertaken) by a duly qualified professional. The findings of the reviews are passed and discussed in length with our management team and action plans formulated to improve on areas identified as 'weak.' In addition, our operational management team hold regular meetings to discuss and review operations and recommend action points to be implemented to improve certain aspects of operational activity. This is of course in addition to the regular board reviews on more strategic issues.

MANAGING DIRECTOR MWHL:

Signed:

Date:

12/4/07.