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WCS Launches New Website with Enhanced Customer Access and Public Education Features

ANDREWS, TX . . . October 23, 2013 . . . President Rod Baltzer of Waste Control Specialists (“WCS”), a subsidiary of Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI), announced the launch of the company’s new website this week. The website, which contains all new content, features and interactive media, is reflective of the growth WCS has achieved over the past several years in the field of low level radioactive waste (“LLRW”) treatment, storage and disposal.

“We’ve already experienced several major milestones in 2013; including, the opening of our Federal LLRW Disposal Facility, and the first full operational year of the Texas Compact LLRW Facility,” Baltzer said. “Our new website is designed to showcase the unique operations ongoing at WCS and provide the public an opportunity to see just how significant of a positive environmental and economic impact we’re having on our region and state.”

Operating the most robust and geologically unique disposal facility in the nation, WCS has emerged as one of the international standard setters in hazardous and LLRW. However, when the company’s previous website was first launched, WCS had not even begun constructing any of the now active facilities.

“When we started over a decade ago, our vision was to provide a Texas-based solution to one of the country’s fastest growing safety and security dilemmas; the permanent disposal of LLRW. With our Compact Waste Facility now fully operational, our partnership with the federal government growing, and our customer services expanding, we felt it was time our website grew along with us,” said Baltzer.

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Many of the new features on the website are designed to create ease of access and transparency regarding information that the public, press and potential customers and employees will want to know about WCS. For example, potential customers can view the licenses and documents necessary to treat, store or dispose of waste; potential employees can look at detailed career opportunities and job applications; and the public and press can review the environmental standards at the west Texas facility all from the relative comfort of their smart phone or tablet. In addition, the website contains an interactive map of the WCS site and its multiple facilities as well as an extensive video and photo gallery.

“Aside from the enhanced customer experience, I’m most proud of the multitude of information and resources we provide to the public on our new website,” added Baltzer. “We take our job as environmental stewards very seriously, and want to ensure that the public is aware of the high quality and ethical standards we are applying at WCS.”

About the WCS Facility

The WCS facility in western Andrews County is the only commercial facility in the U.S. licensed to dispose of Class A, B and C LLRW and Mixed-Low-Level Radioactive Waste and is the site for the Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact facility for commercial LLRW and the Federal Waste Facility for waste from the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”). WCS has contracts in place with most of the nuclear power plants in the U.S. and a nationwide contract with the DOE that can be used by DOE or its contractors.

The state of Texas takes title to any waste disposed in the Compact Waste Facility and DOE takes title to any waste disposed in the Federal Waste Facility following closure of the facility.

Situated in an arid and isolated location, the WCS facility sits atop a formation of 600 feet of impermeable red-bed clay which makes it an ideal setting for the storage and disposal of LLRW. The state of Texas has determined the WCS facility does not sit above or adjacent to any underground drinking water formations.

The WCS facility was the site of the successful storage and disposal of byproduct material from the DOE Fernald, Ohio cleanup site.

WCS has been processing and storing LLRW at its facility since 1998.

Valhi is engaged in the titanium dioxide, component products (security products, furniture components and performance marine components) and waste management industries.

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