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WCS Opens Office near Los Alamos National Laboratory

DALLAS, TEXAS . . . October 10, 2011 . . . Waste Control Specialists LLC (“WCS”), a subsidiary of Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI), announced today that on October 17, 2011, it will open a satellite office in Los Alamos, New Mexico, near the Los Alamos National Laboratory (“LANL”), to better support the cleanup mission of the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”).

WCS will use the office to provide waste management and logistics support to the LANL low-level radioactive waste (“LLRW”) cleanup mission, which may include storage, treatment, and disposal.

“WCS’ close location and comprehensive capabilities should provide LANL with the most cost-effective waste management solutions,” said Rodney Baltzer, President of WCS.

“WCS employees have been traveling to Los Alamos regularly for the past year, and we now see a need for a full-time presence which will allow us to better interface with our customers and assist them in resolving any questions about how to send waste to WCS,” said Baltzer.

“The construction of our LLRW disposal facilities is progressing ahead of schedule, and we expect our Federal waste disposal facility to be ready to accept LLRW for disposal from DOE facilities in the first quarter of 2012,” he said.

More information about WCS may be found at www.texassolution.com.

About the WCS Facility

The WCS facility in western Andrews County, Texas is the only commercial facility in the United States licensed to dispose of Class A, B and C LLRW. It is also licensed for the treatment and storage of LLRW – and has safely and successfully served as a temporary storage facility for past DOE projects.

Situated in an arid and isolated location, the WCS facility sits atop a formation of 500 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 is the site of the disposal facility for the Texas LLRW Disposal Compact, and 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 products, component products (security products, furniture components and performance marine components) and waste management industries.

Statements in this release that are not historical in nature are forward-looking in nature that represent the Company's beliefs and assumptions based on currently available information. In some cases, these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "believes," "intends," "may," "should," "could," "anticipates," "expected" or comparable terminology. Although the Company believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, the Company does not know if these expectations will be correct. Forward-looking statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could significantly impact expected results. Actual future results could differ materially from those predicted. Among the factors that could cause the Company's actual future results to differ materially from those described herein are the risks and uncertainties described from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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