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SUTCO® UK REBUILDS THE ALTENS EAST MRF FROM SCRATCH FOLLOWING A FIRE

## FROM THE ASHES TO NEW HEIGHTS OF PERFORMANCE

**Aberdeen, Scotland.** Sutco UK, part of the Sutco group and an international plant builder for sorting and treatment technology, reconstructed Altens East material recycling facility (MRF) in Aberdeen after a devastating fire hit the plant in 2022. The new facility is designed to process 20 tons of dry commingled household waste per hour and to recover 9 fractions of high-quality recyclables, including plastic, paper, cardboard, and glass.

Rebuilt from ground up, the new Altens East facility has been transformed into a new future-proof MRF that demonstrates how innovation can unlock greater value from commingled waste streams. Designed and built by Sutco UK, the plant features state-of-the-art waste processing and sorting technology from leading providers in the market. Thanks to the equipment and an efficient process design, the plant is capable of processing up to 20 tons of commingled household waste per hour and recovering 9 different fractions of recyclable materials. The fractions produced will reach high-purity levels that will enable downstream processors to convert them into high-quality post-consumer recyclates for new product applications.

Birgit Balkenhoff, project leader at Sutco UK states: "I've accompanied the project right from the start and it is great to see what can be achieved when committed partners join forces. Together with Aberdeen City Council and SUEZ, we've built the new MRF with flexibility in mind and the ultimate goal to help the Council to recover valuable recyclable materials from its local waste, now and in the future. I am proud to be part of this project and the panoramic view on the sea is the icing on the cake."

The new facility is engineered to integrate new technology and scale capacities to meet shifting demands in the future, thereby playing a key role in Aberdeen's quest to enhance waste recycling in the North East of Scotland.

Sutco RecyclingTechnik GmbH, based in Bergisch Gladbach, Germany, is an internationally active plant manufacturer with over 600 completed reference projects worldwide, specialising in turnkey sorting and treatment plants for various waste streams. The company offers technologies for dry and organic waste, implemented on a semi- or fully-automated basis. The portfolio is complemented by smart, bespoke solutions. From concept development through production and delivery to installation, after-sales services and training, Sutco covers the entire value chain and has over 40 years' of experience in the field of sorting and processing technology.

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