

Local MP opens the first EPS Recycling point in Staffordshire



L-R: Doug Davis, Councillor, Mark Smith, Next-tec Ltd, David Kidney MP and Ralph Cooke, Deputy Leader, Stafford Borough Council.

David Kidney MP and several high-ranking council officials opened the first expanded polystyrene (EPS) recycling point in Staffordshire on Friday 12th May 2005 at the premises of EPS Packaging Group associate member, Next-tec Limited.

Next-tec specialises in the design and manufacture of equipment to facilitate

the recycling of expanded polymers such as EPS. David Kidney, MP, commented: "It is brilliant to see a local company that has invented, developed and is manufacturing cutting edge technology within the Staffordshire area.

"I have seen the technology in action and it is astounding. The recycling point is a fantastic idea; it helps support local business and has a positive impact on the

environment. It is vital that we recycle plastics in our modern world."

Mark Smith, Sales and Marketing Director, Next-tec added "We will use the EPS packaging collected to continue to develop and improve our machines; making them even more effective in the future and for corporate demonstrations.

"We have also opened talks with Staffordshire Council with a view to placing a large skip at the local amenities recycling centre. If the Council agrees to participate, it will be the first local authority in the UK to take such a step."

Councillor Doug Davis said "The opening of the recycling point is endorsed by Stafford Borough Council as a major contribution to the culture of recycling in the Borough."

The EPS Packaging Group has pioneered the opening of a network of accredited EPS recycling points throughout the UK. Tony Pruchniewicz, EPS Packaging Chairman said: "It is fantastic to see Next-Tec opening this addition to our recycling network.

"EPS packaging plays an important role in protecting high value items in transit and providing safe packaging for fresh food. It is incredibly lightweight which helps to reduce energy consumption and as this recycling point demonstrates EPS can be efficiently recycled into new and useful products."

