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Top Award for Veolia Environmental Services

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Veolia Environmental Services has won top recognition in the annual Irish Business and Employers Confederation Environment Awards.

The IBEC awards recognise the remarkable success of Irish industry in maintaining and improving the quality of the environment.

Veolia Environmental won the Environmental Excellence Award for its plastics treatment and recycling process.

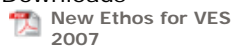
Speaking at the presentation of the awards IBEC Director General Turlough O'Sullivan said: "Environmental issues are now a key concern of modern business. These awards are an opportunity to acknowledge the considerable effort of Irish companies in developing new process that benefit the environment and are also cost effective. The entries show that good environmental practice can bring economic benefits."

Veolia won recognition for its work with Dell computers based in Limerick, which produces a large volume of mixed commercial and industrial waste with a 90% + reliance on landfill. "With our in house expertise and innovation we have now achieved a diversion of 94% of this waste from landfill through a combination of innovative equipment and automotive MRF recovery techniques," says Veolia Environmental's Oonagh Toner. "This is only one example of how our company is at the forefront of increasing recycling and recovery throughout the Island of Ireland."

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Winners of IBEC 2006 Environment Awards announced - 05/06/2006

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IBEC today announced the winners of the 2006 IBEC Environment Awards. The awards recognise the remarkable success of Irish industry in maintaining and improving the quality of the environment.

The awards were presented in three categories: Managing for Sustainable Development, and the IBEC Environmental Excellence Award. Six awards were presented, an overall winner and a commendation in each category.

The overall winner of the Managing for Sustainable Development Award was Janssen Pharmaceutical Limited, Little Ireland, Co Cork for its innovative environmental management practices. Roche Ireland Limited, Clarecastle, Co Clare received the Cleaner Technologies Award for its redesign of existing manufacturing processes that gave rise to significant environmental and economic benefits. **Veolia Environmental, Tallaght, Dublin 24 won the IBEC Environmental Excellence Award for its plastics treatment and recycling process. Its operations have diverted over 1,000 tonnes of plastic from disposal by landfill.**

Speaking at the presentation of the awards IBEC Director General Turlough O'Sullivan said: 'Environmental issues are now a key concern of modern business. These awards are an opportunity to acknowledge the considerable effort of Irish companies in developing new process that benefit the environment and save money in the process.'

'IBEC's awards showcase Irish businesses environmental excellence and reflect our efficient, clean and modern industrial base. Industry has accepted its environmental responsibilities and has made very substantial progress in recent years,' said Mr O'Sullivan. 'The entries show that good environmental practice can bring economic benefits,' he added.