



Waste Management Announces Distribution Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Technology

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PHILADELPHIA – March 21, 2012 - [Waste Management, Inc.](http://www.wm.com/) (NYSE:WM) today announced an agreement with ZLD Technologies a subsidiary of Heartland Technology Partners, LLC (HTP), for exclusive rights to distribute HTP's wastewater treatment technology for leachate and produced water applications in the United States and Canada.

HTP has developed proprietary treatment solutions that evaporate wastewater using a concentrator technology that is applicable for processing landfill leachate and wastewater associated with gas well exploration and production activities. Waste Management has demonstrated the application of this technology for leachate at its Turnkey landfill in Rochester, New Hampshire. HTP has successfully completed a demonstration project for treatment and disposal of produced water in the Marcellus Shale.

The technology is commercially scalable and has potential application for many of Waste Management's municipal and oil and gas customers to help conserve and reuse water.

"This technology will be of significant benefit to our landfill operations in the treatment of leachate on site as well as expanding our oil and gas services," stated Jim Fish, senior vice president of WM's East Group.

WM offers single-source environmental management services to oil and natural gas producers that includes transportation, storage, recycling, treatment and disposal processes.

About Waste Management

Waste Management, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is one of the largest residential recyclers and also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. For more information on Waste Management visit <http://www.wm.com/>.

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