

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Waste Management's Des Moines Recycling Facility Sold; Mid America Recycling Returns to Industry**  
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**Des Moines, IA – June, 1, 2015** – One of the city's largest recycling facilities, currently operated by Waste Management was sold today. The Des Moines plant will continue to operate in the current facility under the name Mid America Recycling.

In 2013, Waste Management purchased the facility from the Greenstar Recycling. Greenstar Recycling purchased Mid America Recycling in 2007.

Several members of the former management team of Mid America Recycling have purchased the Des Moines facility.

"We feel that now is the right time to re-enter the recycling market in the Des Moines area," says Mid America Recycling President Mick Barry, long-time veteran of the recycling industry and a former owner of the company. "My business partner, Brian Meng, and I will utilize our experience, resources and intellectual capital to ensure that Mid America Recycling will return to the forefront of the recycling industry in the Central United States."

Mid America Recycling will be owned and managed by a number of the same individuals who started and successfully operated the business between 1979 and 2007. The initial focus will be in growing the commercial customer base and improving operational efficiencies at the facility.

This is the second purchase the management team has made within the last year. In April 2014, the group purchased the Midland Recycling facility in Lincoln, Nebraska, another location formerly under the Mid America Recycling umbrella.

Financial details were not disclosed.

### **About the New Owners**

The group acquiring Waste Management's Des Moines processing facility is comprised of individuals with over 100 years of combined expertise in recycling, waste management, and business management, with an unsurpassed history in developing environmental networks.

*Michael "Mick" Barry*, President & Co-Owner. Mr. Barry received his Bachelor of Science in Forestry from Iowa State University, and his MBA from Henderson State. He began his recycling career with Weyerhaeuser Corporation in 1973 and was president of CC&C

Recycling. Mr. Barry was Vice President of Mid America Recycling 1998-2010. Mr. Barry has served as Vice President and board of directors' member of the National Recycling Coalition (NRC). Mr. Barry also the co-founder and past President of the Iowa Recycling Association, past board member of the Colorado Association for Recycling and is currently serving on numerous advisory boards and task forces in Iowa and Colorado. Mr. Barry also serves as a board associate on the Iowa State University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

*Brian Meng*, Co-Owner. Mr. Meng, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Drake University. His recycling career began with Container Recovery in 1980 as plant manager at their Des Moines, Iowa facility. Mr. Meng was a district manager with Alcoa Recycling from 1988 to 1992. From 1992 until 1994 he served as general manager for Alter Trading Corporation. Mr. Meng has been president of Mid America Recycling and its companies from 1994 to 2002, adding the title of CEO in 2002.

*Kelley McReynolds*, Vice President, Co-Owner & General Manager, Lincoln Operations. Mr. McReynolds was born in Des Moines and started his career with Weyerhaeuser Recycling in 1995. He moved to Mid America Recycling in 1998, then to Greenstar Recycling in 2007 and on to Waste Management in 2013. Mr. McReynolds has held positions of traffic manager, plant manager and general manager. He has managed large recycling plants in Louisiana, Texas and Iowa.

*Scott Emery*, Co-Owner and General Manager, Des Moines Operations. Mr. Emery is a Des Moines native and graduate of East High School. He began his recycling career with Container Recovery in 1980. Mr Emery joined Alcoa Recycling in 1989 and held plant manager positions in Iowa and California before rejoining the Mid America group in 1994 as General Manager for Michigan operations before returning to the Iowa operations in 2006.

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