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“Open for Business” : Repurpose Aggregates Celebrates Ribbon Cutting

The recycled aggregates product line introduces a vital new sustainability initiative to the Mid-Atlantic construction industry

JOPPATOWNE, Maryland – On September 21st, 2022, Repurpose Aggregates celebrated its plant commissioning with local political and industry leaders at its ribbon cutting ceremony. The new state-of-the-art industrial recycling wash plant is the first of its kind in the region and promises to lead a new wave of demonstrable sustainability in the Mid-Atlantic construction industry, especially in carbon reduction and the recycling of construction, demolition, and excavation (CDE) waste.

Miguel Lambert, President of Repurpose Aggregates, hosted the event. “Our innovative campus is open for business. It is a major challenge to change mindsets in an industry as traditional as construction and development. Today is a chance to show you why enterprises such as these are so important,” he said in his remarks.

Repurpose Aggregates will supply high-grade, reliable materials to the local region, including the first recycled sand available in the Mid-Atlantic region. Its 80-acre campus is dedicated to supporting the circular economy by providing a one-stop facility for local construction companies to both responsibly dispose of CDE waste and also back-load their fleet with valuable recycled materials that can be reintroduced to the construction industry for use in various applications. As the plant can be adjusted, the final product output can be fine-tuned to meet the market’s needs and customers' own specifications.

"We are excited to celebrate the opening of the region's first industrial recycling wash plant," said Maryland Commerce Secretary Mike Gill. "This impressive facility will not only benefit the local construction industry, but it will also enhance the state's existing commitment to sustainability. We look forward to seeing how Repurpose Aggregates transforms economic development projects throughout Maryland in the years to come."

Distinguished speakers at the event included: Bob Cassilly, Maryland State Senator for District 34; Andre Johnson, Harford County District A Councilman, presenting a Council Proclamation; Len Parrish, Director of Harford County Office of Community & Economic Development, presenting a County Proclamation; Steve Johnson, Delegate of District 34A of Harford County, presenting a Maryland General Assembly Citation; and Andrew Cassily, Senior Advisor for the Office of the Governor, presenting a Commerce Secretary Citation.

95% of the materials processed by Repurpose Aggregates is diverted from landfills. Through the innovative wet wash process, material is separated and cleaned so that it is once again valuable construction material of similar if not better quality to virgin materials.

Other immediate benefits of this product include making transport routes more efficient, in addition to offering a local, renewable source of material for companies that are currently having to go further and further out to access usable industrial materials. Repurpose Aggregates will support the innovation and expansion of other local businesses, and make green initiatives more common in the construction industry. Measurable carbon reduction has the potential to inspire more companies to adopt similar practices, with the facility projected to annually divert 2,800 tons of carbon from the atmosphere, equivalent to planting 134,000 trees.

“We are proud that Repurpose Aggregates has chosen to open its innovative campus and grow its workforce in Harford County,” County Executive Barry Glassman said. “We look forward to their success in offering sustainable solutions to help the environment and the construction industry.”

The new product line will also enable the Maryland-based company to partner with public and private entities to process material from local construction and infrastructure projects. Overtime, these recycling efforts will help establish a full-cycle materials economy, thereby moving the industry and region towards a more sustainable future.

“It’s a great testament to see all of you here today supporting Repurpose Aggregates. In Canada, they’ve officially recognised this system’s ability to reduce carbon. In Kuwait, they’ll use it to clean the Gulf War oil fields. In Norway, they are running a TV show celebrating its benefits for Oslo... a facility like this will make a massive positive impact in Maryland,” said Darren Eastwood, Business Development Director for CDE Group, a key partner in Repurpose Aggregate’s plant installation and commissioning process. With the ribbon cutting and plant tour, Repurpose Aggregates had the opportunity to begin showcasing to local leadership why sustainable enterprises such as these are so important.

About Repurpose Aggregates:

Repurpose Aggregates is a product of Harford Minerals, developed through a major investment in wet processing plant equipment from CDE Group. The plant has been operational since May 2022. The plant commissioning at Harford Minerals and the launch of Repurpose Aggregates won a 2022 Maryland Inno Fire Award from the Baltimore Business Journal in the category of Sustainability & Equity.

Founded in 1965, Harford Minerals earned its reputation for its specialization in supplying the golf course industry with sands. In more recent years, it has become known for ease of access and reliability as a premier reclamation facility for the disposal of excavation and dredge materials. Harford’s 80-acre facility is located in the Joppatowne area of Harford County Maryland, just minutes off of Interstate I-95. The campus has reasonable dump fees and charges by the truck load not by tonnage.

The year 2014 brought expansion to Harford Mineral’s facility by adding aggregate supply to its business offerings and making it even more convenient for construction projects that require material to be brought in. Those customers can both bring in the excavated material to be disposed of and back-load fill, borrow, stone, sand, recycled materials, and even boulders for their jobs in one easy-to-access location. Harford Minerals is certified for topsoil by State Highway Administration (SHA) as well.

In 2016, Harford Minerals established its crushing operations for recycled concrete materials. This allows the facility to accept hard-to-dispose material from construction projects and repurpose it. Harford Minerals looks forward to announcing further development of its material recycling facilities.

For more information about Repurpose Aggregates, visit RepurposeAggregates.com. For more information about Harford Minerals, visit HarfordMinerals.com. For more information about CDE and its wet processing solutions, visit CDEGlobal.com.

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