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MEGTEC Systems Is First Participant In New DNR Environmental Program

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DNR Secretary signs program contract during site visit

De Pere, WI — MEGTEC Systems officially became the first Tier 2 participant in a new environmental initiative called Green Tier on Monday, October 3, when State Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Hassett signed MEGTEC's charter agreement during a visit to the company.

"Wisconsin is a great place to do business," Hassett said. "The working relationship between MEGTEC and the state of Wisconsin is essential to building a sustainable environmental initiative."

MEGTEC is the world's leading manufacturer of environmental and Weblite technologies for printing, web processing and other industries.

The Green Tier Law (Wisconsin Act 276) establishes a voluntary and collaborative system that recognizes and rewards companies with an established track record of superior environmental performance by streamlining environmental requirements.

"Our participation in the Green Tier program shows that MEGTEC Systems is serious about protecting the environment," said Chris Campbell, environmental health, safety and security manager at MEGTEC. "We're fully committed to minimizing our adverse impact on the environment, and hold ourselves up as an example of how a company can make a product without making a mess."

"We take our cue from our parent corporation, Sequa, which leads by example. Sequa encourages all its subsidiaries to implement environmental management programs, and to have them registered to ISO 14001 standards."

Green Tier has two participation levels, Tier 1 and Tier 2. MEGTEC is a Tier 2 participant. This level involves more rigorous participation requirements, such as implementing an environmental management system prior to Tier 2 entry. In addition, Tier 2 places greater emphasis on superior environmental performance, and uses contracts as a means of giving customized regulatory flexibility.

"Green Tier is designed to recognize and promote superior environmental

protection," Campbell said. "We have proven to ourselves and many others that environmental consciousness is not necessarily deleterious to a business's bottom line. By being associated with Green Tier, we hope to show our customers, our community and state, and our colleagues that good environmental performance is good business practice."

Examples of MEGTEC's environmental performance include:

- An 87.5 percent reduction in solvent waste from paint system cleaning.
- Removal of harmful contaminants from 2,000 to 3,000 gallons of water used per week in parts-cleaning solution. Results in cleaner water going to municipal wastewater treatment system, and residue going to landfill.
- Reduced dependence on landfill usage by recycling 95 to 100 tons annually of paper and cardboard, and 100 to 120 tons annually of wood.
- Recycling 800,000 to 1 million pounds of scrap steel annually.
- Elimination of an entire hazardous waste stream of aerosol cans.

According to the DNR, "Tier 2 participants represent the truly exceptional companies that are not only committed to going above and beyond, but are also committed to bringing about change in their industry, region, or within their supply chain."

"We've committed ourselves to not backsliding in our environmental performance," Campbell said. "This means if we change our processes to generate a higher rate of waste or air emissions, we'll notify the state even though this change does not put us above the regulated limit for that waste or emission. In this way, we're accountable not only to ourselves, but to the state as well if we increase the rate of waste."

"That's an additional incentive for us to look for ways to continually improve our performance and impact on the environment. The program is designed to recognize and promote superior environmental performance. We also see it as an opportunity to partner with the regulators who help to direct the destiny of the State, rather than having adversarial relationships."

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