



**Press Release**  
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## **NTR's Greenstar Wins Environmental Best Practice Award**

**Dublin, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009** – NTR's Irish sustainable waste management business, Greenstar, has been awarded a Green Apple Environmental Best Practice award for its Ballynagran landfill. The Green Apple award will be presented by the Green Organisation in the House of Commons on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Now in their fifteenth year and established as one of the major environmental recognition schemes in the UK and internationally, the annual Green Apple Environment Awards recognise, reward and promote environmental best practice around the world. The Green Organisation, which runs the annual awards, is an independent, non-political, non-activist, non-profit environment group dedicated to environmental best practice.

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### **Notes to Editors:**

#### **About NTR plc**

NTR plc, the international renewable energy group, builds and runs green energy and resource-sustaining businesses. Founded in 1978, NTR has evolved from being a developer and operator of infrastructure in Ireland to an international developer and operator of renewable energy (wind, solar and ethanol) and sustainable waste management businesses in the USA, UK, and Ireland. The company employs over 4,100 people.

#### **About Greenstar**

Greenstar, a subsidiary of NTR plc, is Ireland's largest provider of environmental, waste management and recycling services. Greenstar offers customers an environmentally compliant, transparent and traceable service with respect to collection, materials recovery, recycling, biological treatment, e.g. composting, and residual landfill. Additional services offered by Greenstar include consultation, education, research, and environmental waste auditing.

Since its inception in 1999, Greenstar has invested €275 million in infrastructure and strategic acquisitions and has increased employment from 100 to over 600 in 40 locations nationwide.

Greenstar operates materials recovery facilities (MRFs) in Wicklow, Sligo, Cork and Dublin, including Millennium Park, the country's largest and most sophisticated automated recycling facility, which can divert between 70-85% of waste from landfill disposal. Greenstar delivers services to over 7,000 business customers nationwide and 60,000 households in nine counties, including Dublin, Cork, Waterford, Wexford,

Wicklow, Kilkenny, Carlow, Sligo and Mayo.

Greenstar owns and operates three EPA licensed, state-of-the-art residual landfill facilities at Knockharley, County Meath, Kilconnell, Co. Galway and Ballynagran, Co. Wicklow. Greenstar has received many awards including the Green Apple Award for operational excellence and the 2008 PEEL People's Cup for its residual landfill facility at Ballynagran, Co. Wicklow, the first time an Irish facility had received this prestigious award.