



Pod passes with flying colours

Pod – the high quality soil conditioner from Scottish Water – has been granted BSI PAS 100 accreditation.

The British Standard Institution’s Publicly Available Specification for Composting Materials (PAS 100) is the quality assurance standard for compost, certified by the Composting Association.

PAS 100 accreditation means that users can be confident that the compost meets stringent criteria in terms of consistency, traceability, performance and is environmentally sound.

Pod is a top quality compost which is not only peat-free but can be used for a variety of horticultural uses such as landscaping, a dressing for turf or to encourage plant growth. With 35% organic matter the product is rich in both micro and macro-nutrients making it a perfect soil conditioning medium.

The compost is produced under the strictest quality control conditions at Scottish Water’s £2-million state-of-the-art Composting and Recycling plant at Deerdykes, Cumbernauld near Glasgow. **Pod**’s input materials processed at the centre consists of 100% green materials such as grass clippings, wood chips, branches and so forth. All materials are carefully analysed and sifted and any unsuitable materials discarded before being composted using the latest open-air techniques. Every batch of **Pod** is fully traceable at each stage from input to output. Further investment has been made at the facility to develop a computer-controlled in-vessel composting system, one of the first large-scale in-vessel plants in Scotland. This will enable the processing plant to produce a variety of different grades of compost in the near future.

“We are very excited at achieving PAS 100 status for **Pod** ,” said Donald MacBrayne, Commercial Manager, Scottish Water. “Not only does it guarantee

that users will get the right product for their needs but it is a mark of how seriously we take quality control and our investment in the future environmental sustainability.”

For further details of pricing and delivery please contact Louise Butcher at Scottish Water on 0131 445 6639 or visit www.scottishwater.co.uk/compost.

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Notes to editors:

Scottish Water was created in April 2002 by merging the three former regional authorities. We are a public sector organisation and were set up to improve the efficiency of the water industry in Scotland and to provide a better level of service to our customers.

Scottish Water has 2.2 million household customers and 133,000 business customers.

In the past four years we have delivered about £1.9billion worth of improvements which has seen better quality drinking water in hundreds of communities, cleaner beaches and rivers and better customer service.

Scottish Water is now running the water industry in Scotland for almost £3 million less each week than it cost under the three previous authorities.

Scottish Water is one of the top 20 businesses in Scotland and the fourth largest water utility in the UK covering an area one third of the land mass of Britain.

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