

GJF Fabrications launches “GJF Thinking” with sponsorship of the APSRG Essay Collection “Driving Resource Efficiency Across Supply Chains”

GJF Fabrications today announced the foundation of its thought leadership arm “GJF Thinking,” created with the purpose of researching the consequences of the transition from the waste industry to the resources industry, and on how this is changing the transport, containment and logistics requirements of waste & resource operators and processors in order for them to be economically efficient.

Commenting on the launch, GJF’s recently appointed Managing Director Dr David Gillett said “After 20 years of change, we are finally at the point where we have a resources industry not a waste industry, and it is moving towards a closed loop, or circular, economy. This is far from the industry that used to collect waste and deposit it in a nearby landfill. Today, waste & recycling operators make money by maximising the quality of resources from the wastes collected, and routing them most efficiently and economically to one of a multiplicity of end points where value is realised. These end points include new technologies from emerging high growth companies, such as pyrolysers and gasifiers, as well as reprocessing, incineration, anaerobic digestion, export and still some traditional landfill.”

The launch of GJF Thinking is marked by its sponsorship of the All Parliamentary Sustainable Resources Group (APSRG) report entitled “Driving Resource Efficiency Across Supply Chains,” launching at Portcullis House on 9 February 2016 with contributions from Peter Jones OBE and Dr Gev Eduljee of Suez (see http://www.policyconnect.org.uk/apsrg/sites/site_apsrg/files/report/633/fieldreportdownload/apsrglinkt_olinkwebbrgsinglepaged.pdf).

Commenting on the importance of this report Dr Gillett continued, “Maximum value for a resource stream may this morning be incineration and this afternoon reprocessing. In order to maximise value in these ‘spot markets’, operators will need excellent logistics, software for resource consolidation, routing & trading; and containers designed with highly efficient logistics in mind and minimizing tare weight and carbon footprint. These capabilities are not as mature as they need to be to achieve high economic efficiency. GJF Thinking’s analysis indicates the industry will move to a fusion between the collection & handling skills of the waste & recycling operators and the consolidation, handling and routing skills of globally leading logistics companies, routing the resources to the multiplicity of end-points. We think Trade Associations will also play a role by driving the closed loop approach to specific waste sub-groups that are costly to deal with. Our research suggests this will make the industry look considerably different by 2020 and we will be using our research and working with operators and logistics companies to ensure we have designed the right containment solutions to meet their needs.”

About GJF Fabrications: GJF Fabrications, based in Brownhills, near Birmingham, UK, is the market leading designer and manufacturer of resource containers for the circular economy. GJF Fabrications houses the UK’s largest production capacity and stock holding of CHEM compliant Hook Lift Containers, Skips, and specialist containers for Biomass Drying; ISO containers for road, rail and marine transport of refuse derived fuels; and DNV certified containers for the offshore oil & gas sector. See www.gjffabrications.co.uk

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