

MOR Online platform first to be licensed in organised waste market

Lisbon, 22 July 2010: Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente (Portuguese Environment Agency, APA) has licensed MOR Online, the first integrated platform in the organised waste market. The proposal was submitted by a grouping consisting of ACAP (Associação Automóvel de Portugal [Portuguese Motor Association]), Ambigroup and Sociedade Ponto Verde. Now that they have the licence, they will be incorporating a public limited company with another two companies operating in household and industrial waste.

MOR Online will be the first electronic platform in Portugal to provide waste producers and holders and duly licensed business operators with a fast, efficient way of selling their waste rapidly, safely and at the best prices.

“The organised waste market is a trading instrument for different kinds of waste and will help recover waste and reintroduce it into the business circuit, reduce demand for primary raw materials and promote value for operators in this market,” explained Luís Veiga Martins, spokesman of MOR Online. **“Managing and recovering waste will therefore be easier when the MOR Online platform goes into operation in the last quarter of the year”**.

The platform can be used to trade waste of all categories for recovery operations, with the exception of waste classified as hazardous by the general waste management scheme. The law setting up the organised market also does away with the need for regulation in monitoring and supervision by the public administration of the activities of organised waste market managers and the articulation between electronic organised waste market platforms and the platform belonging to the SIRAPA (Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente integrated registration system).

About MOR Online

It is the first electronic platform to be set up in Portugal as part of the organised waste market provided for in Decree-Law 210/2009 of 3 September. MOR Online is designed to allow waste producers and holders and licensed business operators to trade different types of waste so that it can be recovered and reintroduced into the business circuit. It also helps to reduce demand for raw materials and fosters industrial symbioses.