The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of London The Mansion House Walbrook London EC4N 8BH 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Our Company wishes to offer you congratulations on your recent installation and to give you every support in your year of office. Our membership is drawn from people at senior positions within, or recently retired from, the water, waste management and environmental industries in the UK.

On the trade promotion front, we briefed your predecessor on the UK's leading position in addressing the key world challenges of climate change and environmental pollution. Whilst most people now recognise these challenges, few realise that the UK is in fact a world leader in providing solutions to these issues. It is in UK's business interests to embrace this agenda fully. This message is being promoted by government ministers and the FCO in their overseas trade activities. Indeed wearing a different hat, I am Chair of the government's Environmental Sector Advisory Group (ESAG) which provides strategic direction to UKTI on this front and have arranged ongoing liaison between your office and ESAG. I enclose a copy of ESAG's recent report, "The UK: a world leader in environmental solutions" along with an updated copy of the promotional slides used on overseas visits.

Our Company has also prepared for you briefing notes on the water and waste management industry in the UK which I hope you might find interesting.

We would welcome the opportunity to brief you further personally if this were helpful. Please let me know if you require any further input from us.

Wishing you every success in your year,

Yours sincerely

Colin Drummond **Master**