

SLR acquires fourth international company in 18 months

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Leading environmental firm SLR Consulting has enhanced its position as a leader in the energy, natural resources and waste management sector with the acquisition of GreenEng, a global engineering firm based in South Africa.

The deal is SLR's fourth acquisition in 18 months and its second in South Africa following the purchase of environmental consultancy Metago at the beginning of the year. GreenEng, which has an office in Durban, has extensive experience in managing large-scale projects for a range of both national and international clients and has previously worked in the municipal sector for the World Bank and for national and local government clients.

GreenEng's Managing Director, Lindsay Strachan also project managed the development of all of Durban's landfill sites including the Bisasar Road landfill site, the busiest landfill site in Africa, accepting a daily average of 4,000 tons of municipal solid waste. In addition, Lindsay was the project manager for the development of Durban's landfill gas to electricity CDM (Clean Development Mechanism) projects.

SLR UK Director Ian Roberts said: "This acquisition is in line with our continued strategy to expand our environmental consultancy footprint internationally.

"Emerging policies on sustainable waste management coupled with the affordability of improving waste collection, treatment and disposal systems is a major challenge for African governments.

"African clients can now benefit from the combination of SLR's extensive international waste management expertise along with Lindsay and the GreenEng team's local knowledge of Africa's waste management problems."

Recent GreenEng projects include a carbon neutrality biomass energy project for a leading private sector waste company in SA and a composting project for the eThekweni Municipality

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(City of Durban). The company has also been involved in a furnace waste-gas to energy project for SA Calcium Carbide (SACC) in Newcastle, SA marking the firm's first blue-chip project in the industrial combined heat and power energy sector. Further afield, GreenEng is involved with landfill leachate treatment, a chicken-manure-to-energy project, the design of (waste) materials recovery facilities and advice on waste resource strategies