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PRESS RELEASE

HELECTOR was awarded for the Integrated Waste Management System Project in Western Macedonia in the Greek Green Awards 2019

HELECTOR received an award for the Integrated Waste Management System Project of the Western Macedonia Region in the Greek Green Awards 2019, which highlight the best practices of organisations, companies and Local Administration entities regarding the Environment and Sustainability. The Awards take place on the grounds of the Verde Tec 2019 International Exhibition. The award was presented to Mr. Haris Sofianos, Chief Executive Officer of HELECTOR by Mr. Athanassios Bouras, member of the parliament, Attica, New Democracy party, Deputy Head of Development Domain of New Democracy and ex Deputy Minister.

The Integrated Waste Management System Project in Western Macedonia **is the first project for waste management in Greece that was implemented with the cooperation of the Public and the Private Partnership (PPP project) and the only one in operation until today.** It is an extremely successful case of a PPP project which has generated the best results, since today the **project exceeds the contractual terms, by succeeding the diversion of the biodegradable fraction from landfills by over 80%**, with the residue going to landfills being less than 36% of the produced urban solid waste.

More specifically, the plant in Kozani has capacity of 120.000 tons/year of Urban Solid Waste and undertakes the reception and transportation of the total waste produced in the 12 Municipalities of the Western Macedonia Region through 10 Waste Transfer Stations (WTS), the treatment in the Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) and the residue burial in the Residue Sanitary Landfill. The Waste Treatment Plant succeeds the highest possible retrieval of recyclable materials through the latest technology of mechanical and optical sorting reaching over 35%, while in parallel produces compost, in accordance with the current standards. The Integrated Waste Management System Project in the Western Macedonia Region constitutes the technological implementation of the organic fraction's aerobic treatment with the patent held by the recognised German subsidiary of HELECTOR, Herhof GmbH.

HELECTOR undertook the Design, Construction, Maintenance and Operation of the Plant on June 10th, 2015 and completed the project within the deadline and successfully, with a full operation of the Waste Treatment Plant two years later, on June 10th, 2017. The total cost of the plant was €48 million and during its construction, more than 150 job positions were created, while today over 120 workers are employed in the plant.

Mr. Haris Sofianos, Chief Executive Officer of HELECTOR, stated: “We are very pleased for the recognition of HELECTOR’s work in Western Macedonia, as well for the fact that our project is an example of successful PPP implementation, paving the way for crucial infrastructure works, most needed by our country in the waste management sector. It is an important project, created and operating according to the strictest European standards and ranked among the most modern waste management plants globally. HELECTOR will continue to invest in know-how development, to further evolve its vertically integrated operations and continue to offer integrated waste management solutions with state-of-the-art technologies, and in respect to local societies.”

The Minister of Environment and Energy, Mr. George Stathakis visited HELECTOR’s stand in Verde Tec 2019 exhibition and was informed on HELECTOR’s projects and in more detail about the construction of the largest Waste Treatment Plant in Europe with capacity of 410.000 tons/year, built in Sofia, Bulgaria. Furthermore, among the formal visitors of HELECTOR’s stand were the Alternate Minister of Environment and Energy, Mr. Socrates Famellos, the Deputy Minister of Environment Mr. George Dimaras, the General Secretary of Energy and Mineral Resources, Mr. Michalis Verriopoulos, the PM of Argolis and Head of Research, Infrastructure, Transport and Digital Policy Domain, Democratic Coalition party, Mr. Giannis Maniatis and the President of the Technical Chamber of Greece, Mr. George Stasinou.

About HELECTOR

HELECTOR is one of the largest companies with expertise in the field of waste management in South East Europe and a member of the ELLAKTOR Group, the leading infrastructure group in Greece with operations in more than 25 countries.

With vertically integrated operation, the company is active in the whole spectrum of the Design, Construction and Operation of modern waste treatment plants, in alternative fuel production plants and in biomass exploitation.

Operating in 7 countries, HELECTOR is the only Greek company which owns and applies state-of-the-art technologies in the field. Through its German subsidiaries, it covers the whole spectrum of biological waste management and partners with other European companies in the most modern waste management projects.

In parallel, HELECTOR has significant know-how in the exploitation of Biogas produced in the waste disposal facilities and its projects range from the Design and Construction to the Operation of Power Generation Plants, among which the Waste Disposal Facility of Fyli, with 30MW, which is one of the largest units globally.

HELECTOR also implements and fully supports recycling at the source.