

Thermo Fluids to Open Oil Filter Recycling Plant in Arizona

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (April 22, 2010) - Thermo Fluids, Inc. has announced plans to open a used oil filter recycling facility in Phoenix, Ariz. in July 2010. Construction of the West Valley facility began in February. The national environmental services company successfully launched similar oil filter recycling operations in other markets and is looking to expand this service to Arizona, thereby increasing the company's positive impact on environmental sustainability.

When it opens, the Phoenix plant will have the capacity to recycle 750 tons of steel and recover 52,500 gallons of used oil each year. While the plant will serve Thermo Fluids' traditional customers of commercial/bulk recyclers such as quick service automotive lube and repair companies, auto dealers and auto service retailers, the Phoenix facility will be open to recycling filters from other generators as well. This plant will be the first in Arizona and will serve all of the Southwest.

Oil filter recycling is a core component of Thermo Fluids' Green Shield Services, which provides pick up, transportation, and processing of used oil filters, greases, and absorbents from automotive and industrial applications. Because of this new process, Thermo Fluids is able to keep filters out of landfills by recovering components that have value in the marketplace. Oil trapped in the filters is cleared, recycled and reused in numerous ways. The steel casings are separated from the paper elements within the filter, cleaned of debris, becoming an excellent source of recycled high-grade steel.

“Our goal is to do what's best for the environment,” said James Devlin, Thermo Fluids' Chief Executive Officer. “The more material we reuse, recycle or otherwise intentionally keep out of landfills, the better off we all are. At the same time we're partnering with our customers to achieve their sustainability goals by offering them a better alternative to disposing their used oil filters and other automotive materials,” he said.

About Thermo Fluids

Thermo Fluids Inc., a closely held portfolio company of CIVC Partners, is an environmental services company and the largest producer of commercial fuel oil from recovered used motor oil in the Western United States. Headquartered in Scottsdale, Ariz., the company collects and purchases used motor oil from a large number of companies across a diverse range of industries, such as quick-lube centers, auto dealerships, mining operations, and industrial companies. In addition to collecting used motor oil, the company provides a portfolio of environmental services as a “one-stop” solution to its customers. These other essential services include oily wastewater collection and processing, spent antifreeze collection and recycling, and used oil filter collection and disposal. Thermo Fluids reprocesses and recycles its collected used motor oil into a commercial fuel product that is sold as an alternative energy source to a variety of industrial customers. Thermo Fluids has 29 facilities serving the Western United States. For more information, visit www.thermofluids.com.

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