



## **PDM Group provides complete oil processing chain**

PDM Group has agreed to purchase the business and assets of Ashworths Products Limited, the UK's largest collector and processor of used vegetable oils and animal fats, from the administrator Robson Rhodes LLP.

Ashworths' collection service and processing refinery at Accrington in Lancashire will be incorporated into PDM Group's renewable energy division and strengthen the company's presence in the vegetable oil recycling market, providing a complete processing and recycling service for oils and fats.

"The continued development and expansion of renewable energy and bio-fuel production is central to PDM Group's long-term business strategy," explains Philip Simpson of PDM Group, "but the acquisition also allows us to offer collection and processing of used cooking oils alongside our existing market-leading nationwide food waste recycling services."

As well as providing bio-fuels for the company's own renewable energy power plants, PDM Group will use the acquisition as a platform to develop the supply of raw material to partners in the rapidly expanding bio-diesel production sector.

Charles Reynolds, group managing director comments "PDM subsidiaries Nortech Foods and T Quality already play major roles in the production and nationwide distribution of oils and fats; the addition of used cooking-oil collection and recycling enables PDM Group to complete the 'chain' through to renewable energy and bio-fuel production."

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