

Waste management performance

For AMEC minimising waste is as much about cost saving effective business behaviour as it is about taking a responsible environmental approach.

Waste has been seen as a significant management issues for AMEC in both environmental impact and financial terms. Disposal of waste can be expensive and according to waste research up to 20 per cent (WRAP) of waste can be made up from lost materials such as out of date or broken products.

Non-Core business and waste

In December 2006, AMEC announced its intention to divest the non-core Built Environment businesses. These businesses included our construction, civil engineering and building services businesses. During 2007 all Built Environment businesses were sold and sales completed during the year.

In 2006 AMEC reported managing over one and a half million tones of waste. Waste is a very significant issue in the construction industry and remains so particularly in European Union countries where waste legislation is the most stringent in the world (excluding the Antarctic).

From our 2006 figures the Built Environment contributed 76 per cent of the waste that was managed by AMEC, this totals some 1.14 million tones.

Total waste	2006	%
All AMEC	1,510, 682	100
Built Environment	1,141,851	76
AMEC excluding Built Environment	368,831	24

We felt that it was important to AMEC's stakeholders to understand the disproportionate influence that non-core businesses had on AMEC's total waste figure.

Similarly, this is mirrored in AMEC's waste recycling figure. Last year AMEC reported recycling 605,239 tonnes of waste, the Built Environment businesses accounted for 71 per cent (429,506 tonnes) of this figure.

Waste Management in AMEC 2007

AMEC continues to track waste disposal figures for 2007 although they have become less significant due to the sale of the non-core business.

Project management and consultancy businesses are less exposed to significant waste costs and associated waste recycling opportunities. Material waste cost arise were the company manages waste on site.

Total waste disposal

In total AMEC recorded managing some 119,415 tonnes of waste during 2007. This figure excludes the Built Environment businesses as they were sold during the year.

We have recalculated the previous year's figure to provide a like for like comparison but for completeness we have included last year's information in the non-core business section.

waste production and therefore greater recycling.

The Power and Process Division includes significant site based operations including utilities operations, which account for high waste figures.

Total waste (tonnes)	2007	2006
Natural Resources	5,517	2,139
Power and Process	112,601	362,366
Earth & Environmental	1,179	2,707
Other	118	1,619
All AMEC	119,415	368,831

Waste recycling

In the year AMEC recorded recycling some 11,237 tonnes of waste during 2007; again this figure excludes the Built Environment businesses due to their sale.

We have recalculated the previous year's figure to provide a like for like comparison but for completeness we have included last year's total recycled information in the non-core business section.

Total recycled (tonnes)	2007	2006
Natural Resources	1,922	1,417
Power and Process	9,240	173,587
Earth & Environmental	43.3	495
Other	32	234
All AMEC	11,237	175,733

The Power and Process Division includes significant site based operations and gives rise to greater