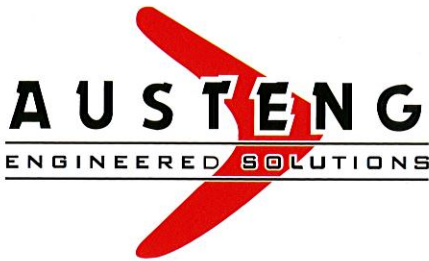




above: A typical bin full of recycled implants at OrthoMetals new factory located at Zwolle, The Netherlands

RECYCLING BREAKTHROUGH COMES TO AUSTRALIA



Austeng and OrthoMetals BV are pleased to announce that they have entered into a co-operation agreement so the benefits of recycling of metals remaining after cremation is now available in Australia.

OrthoMetals has been a member of ACCA since 2009 and is dedicated to providing an environment-friendly turnkey solution to the collection and recycling of orthopaedic implants and other metal remains from crematoria.

OrthoMetals is a registered and fully certified company based in the Netherlands. The complete recycling process is under the supervision and control of OrthoMetals. All collected metals are first sorted and then re-melted to prevent the end product from being recognized and re-used as an implant. OrthoMetals provides logistics to collect and transport all metals, free of charge, to a central location.

One of the principles of the OrthoMetals recycling concept is to return a substantial part of the proceeds (after deduction of costs) to charity.

OrthoMetals is now active in 13 countries in Europe serving 375 Crematoria as well as North America since 2006. OrthoMetals was founded by Jan Gabriels and Ruud Verberne - Jan is a practising orthopaedic surgeon who initially articulated the concept. Ruud Verberne (an attendee at the last few ACCA conferences) is an expert in recycling and logistics with over 35 years experience. Their sons are now active in the business. Austeng will provide the local logistical support, collect the wheelie bins, consolidate the metal and then ship them to OrthoMetals for processing.

The chair of CCAV's Environmental Committee Frank De Groot comments "We are excited about the opportunities this partnership presents both in terms of re-cycling and also of returning tangible benefits to the local community".

So far all of the crematoria organisations in Victoria have indicated their willingness to participate.

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