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Casella Waste Systems, Inc. Announces Second Quarter 2016 Results; and Updates Guidance

RUTLAND, Vt., July 28, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Casella Waste Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ:CWST), a regional solid waste, recycling and resource management services company, today reported its financial results for the three month period ended June 30, 2016. The company also increased its Adjusted EBITDA* guidance and reaffirmed its revenue and Free Cash Flow* guidance for the year ending December 31, 2016.

Highlights for the Three Months Ended June 30, 2016:

- Revenues were \$144.7 million for the quarter, up \$1.0 million, or 0.7%, from the same period in 2015.
- Net income was \$5.2 million for the quarter, an improvement of \$4.2 million from the same period in 2015.
- Adjusted EBITDA was \$34.8 million for the quarter, an improvement of \$4.1 million, or 13.3%, from the same period in 2015.
- Adjusted Operating Income* for the quarter was \$15.6 million, an improvement of \$4.6 million, or 42.4%, from the same period in 2015.
- Overall solid waste pricing for the quarter was up 3.5%, mainly driven by strong collection pricing up 4.8%.

"We had another strong quarter as our team executed well against our key management strategies as the regional economy continued to strengthen," said John W. Casella, chairman and CEO of Casella Waste Systems, Inc. "Our results clearly demonstrated this improvement, with operating income up \$4.2 million and margins up 290 bps year-over-year in the second quarter."

"Achievement of our strategies is clearly driving positive results, with residential and commercial collection pricing up 5.3% on our focused pricing programs," Casella said. "Further, our efforts to reduce operating costs and drive efficiencies continue to gain traction across each line-of-business with cost of operations as a percentage of revenues down 290 bps year-over-year. Recycling operating income was up \$0.9 million year-over-year as our efforts to reshape the recycling business model has improved financial performance in these low commodity markets and helped to mitigate commodity risk. Finally, we continue to expand profitable revenues through our innovative resource solutions offerings."

"As expected, we did experience volume headwinds at the landfills during the quarter, with tons down 8.4% year-over-year, as the unseasonably warm northeast winter resulted in a pull-forward of volumes from the second quarter to the first quarter, our efforts to improve price at select sites has dampened volume growth, and energy related waste streams were down in the Marcellus," Casella said. "With that said, landfill volumes year-to-date were up 51,000 tons, or 2.6%, year-over-year, with particular strength in construction and demolition volumes, which were up 124,000 tons year-over-year."

"Over the last several months, we continued to redeem and repurchase our 7.75% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2019, with \$39.4 million of these bonds being permanently retired through July 1, 2016," Casella said. "Through our continued cash flow growth and debt repayment, we further reduced our consolidated leverage ratio during the second quarter. Going forward, we remain committed to reducing leverage and improving free cash flow generation by using excess cash to retire our highest cost debt."

"In closing, I am very pleased with our financial and operational performance during the quarter, and believe that we are well positioned to continue to execute for the remainder of fiscal year 2016 and beyond," Casella said.

For the quarter, revenues were \$144.7 million, up \$1.0 million, or 0.7%, from the same period in 2015, with revenue growth mainly driven by robust collection, disposal and recycling commodity pricing, the acquisition of three transfer stations, and higher volumes in our organics line-of-business, partially offset by lower landfill and low margin transportation volumes.

Net income attributable to common stockholders was \$5.2 million, or \$0.12 per diluted common share for the quarter, compared to net income attributable to common stockholders of \$1.0 million, or \$0.03 per diluted common share for the same period in 2015. The current quarter included a \$0.6 million loss on debt extinguishment related to the redemption, repurchase and permanent retirement of \$15.5 million of our 7.75% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2019, while the same quarter last year included a \$0.7 million gain on the divestiture of non-strategic collection routes.

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Operating Income was \$15.6 million for the quarter, up \$4.6 million from the same period in 2015. Adjusted EBITDA was \$34.8 million for the quarter, up \$4.1 million from the same period in 2015, with growth mainly driven by improved performance in the collection, recycling, organics and customer solutions lines-of-business.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$33.9 million in the quarter, up \$4.3 million from the same period in 2015. Free Cash Flow was \$18.0 million in the quarter, as compared to \$18.3 million for the same period in 2015. Normalized Free Cash Flow* was \$18.0 million in the quarter, as compared to \$18.6 million for the same period in 2015. The current quarter did not include any adjustments, while the same period in 2015 included a \$0.3 million adjustment for the cash outlays associated with capping at our Worcester landfill.

Highlights for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2016:

- Revenues year-to-date were \$270.1 million, up \$9.8 million, or 3.8%, from the same period in 2015.
- Net loss year-to-date was (\$2.4) million, an improvement of \$4.6 million from the same period in 2015.
- Adjusted EBITDA year-to-date was \$54.1 million, an improvement of \$8.9 million, or 19.6%, from the same period in 2015.
- Adjusted Operating income year-to-date was \$17.6 million, an improvement of \$8.4 million, or 92.2%, from the same period in 2015.

For the six months ended June 30, 2016, revenues were \$270.1 million, up \$9.8 million, or 3.8%, from the same period in 2015, mainly driven by robust collection and disposal pricing, and higher volumes in our organics line-of-business, partially offset by lower disposal volumes and lower energy pricing.

Net loss attributable to common stockholders was (\$2.4) million, or (\$0.06) per diluted common share year-to-date, compared to (\$8.2) million, or (\$0.20) per diluted common share for the same period in 2015.

Operating income was \$17.6 million year-to-date, up \$3.1 million from the same period in 2015. Adjusted Operating Income was \$17.6 million year-to-date, up \$8.4 million from the same period in 2015. Adjusted EBITDA was \$54.1 million year-to-date, up \$8.9 million from the same period in 2015.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$35.6 million year-to-date, up \$11.7 million from the same period in 2015. Free Cash Flow was \$9.8 million year-to-date, as compared to \$10.8 million for the same period in 2015. Normalized Free Cash Flow was \$9.8 million year-to-date, as compared to \$8.3 million for the same period in 2015. The current year-to-date period did not include any adjustments, while the same period in 2015 included a \$3.1 million adjustment for the net cash proceeds from the CARES dissolution and a \$0.6 million adjustment for the cash outlays associated with capping at the Worcester landfill.

Outlook

Given our strong pricing and operational efficiency performance year-to-date, the company is increasing its Adjusted EBITDA guidance for the year ending December 31, 2016 by estimating results in the following range:

Adjusted EBITDA between \$113 million and \$116 million (increased from a range of \$111 million to \$115 million).

The company reaffirms its Revenue and Free Cash Flow guidance for the year by estimating results in the following ranges:

- Revenues between \$550 million and \$560 million; and
- Free Cash Flow between \$20 million and \$24 million.

Capital expenditures are projected to be between \$50 million and \$54 million for the year, up from our previously announced range due to higher construction costs associated with the time-sensitive construction schedule at the Ontario landfill that faced significant permitting delays in 2015.

The company does not provide reconciling information for forward-looking periods because such information is not available without an unreasonable effort. The company believes that such information is not significant to an understanding of its non-GAAP measures for forward-looking periods because its methodology for calculating such non-GAAP measures is based on sensitivity analysis compared to budget at the business unit level rather than on differences from GAAP financial measures.

Conference call to discuss quarter

The company will host a conference call to discuss these results on Friday, July 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Individuals interested in participating in the call should dial (877) 838-4153 or for international participants (720) 545-0037 at least 10 minutes before start time. The call will also be webcast; to listen, participants should visit Casella Waste Systems' website at http://ir.casella.com and follow the appropriate link to the webcast.

A replay of the call will be available on the company's website, or by calling (855) 859-2056 or (404) 537-3406 (Conference ID 48538723) until 1:00 p.m. ET on August 5, 2016.

About Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

Casella Waste Systems, Inc., headquartered in Rutland, Vermont, provides solid waste management services consisting of collection, transfer, disposal, and recycling services in the northeastern United States. For further information, investors contact Ned Coletta, Chief Financial Officer at (802) 772-2239; media contact Joseph Fusco, Vice President at (802) 772-2247; or visit the company's website at http://www.casella.com.

*Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to disclosing financial results prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States ("GAAP"), the company also discloses earnings before interest, taxes, and depreciation and amortization, adjusted for accretion, depletion of landfill operating lease obligations, gains on asset sales, development project charge write-offs, contract settlement charges, legal settlement costs, tax settlement costs, bargain purchase gains, asset impairment charges, environmental remediation charges, severance and reorganization costs, expenses from divestiture, acquisition and financing costs, gains on the settlement of acquisition related contingent consideration, fiscal year-end transition costs, proxy contest costs, as well as impacts from divestiture transactions ("Adjusted EBITDA"), which is a non-GAAP measure.

The company also discloses earnings before interest and taxes, adjusted for gains on asset sales, development project charge write-offs, contract settlement charges, legal settlement costs, tax settlement costs, bargain purchase gains, asset impairment charges, environmental remediation charges, severance and reorganization costs, expenses from divestiture, acquisition and financing costs, gains on the settlement of acquisition related contingent consideration, fiscal year-end transition costs, proxy contest costs, as well as impacts from divestiture transactions ("Adjusted Operating Income"), which is a non-GAAP measure.

The company also discloses net cash provided by operating activities, less capital expenditures (excluding acquisition related capital expenditures), less payments on landfill operating lease contracts, plus proceeds from divestiture transactions, plus proceeds from the sale of property and equipment, plus proceeds from property insurance settlement, less contributions from (distributions to) noncontrolling interest holders ("Free Cash Flow"), which is a non-GAAP measure.

And lastly, the company discloses Free Cash Flow plus certain cash outflows associated with landfill closure, site improvement and remediation expenditures, plus certain cash outflows associated with new contract and project capital expenditures, plus cash (inflows) outflows associated with certain business dissolutions ("Normalized Free Cash Flow"), which is a non-GAAP measure.

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Operating Income are reconciled to net loss, while Free Cash Flow and Normalized Free Cash Flow are reconciled to net cash provided by operating activities.

The company presents Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Operating Income, Free Cash Flow, and Normalized Free Cash Flow because it considers them important supplemental measures of its performance and believes they are frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of the company's results. Management uses these non-GAAP measures to further understand the company's "core operating performance." The company believes its "core operating performance" is helpful in understanding its ongoing performance in the ordinary course of operations. The company believes that providing Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Operating Income, Free Cash Flow, and Normalized Free Cash Flow to investors, in addition to corresponding income statement and cash flow statement measures, affords investors the benefit of viewing its performance using the same financial metrics that the management team uses in making many key decisions and understanding how the core business and its results of operations has performed. The company further believes that providing this information allows its investors greater transparency and a better understanding of its core financial performance. In addition, the instruments governing the company's indebtedness use EBITDA (with additional adjustments) to measure its compliance with covenants.

Non-GAAP financial measures are not in accordance with or an alternative for GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Operating Income, Free Cash Flow, and Normalized Free Cash Flow should not be considered in isolation from or as a substitute for financial information presented in accordance with GAAP, and may be different from Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Operating Income, Free Cash Flow, or Normalized Free Cash Flow presented by other companies.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain matters discussed in this press release, including, but not limited to, the statements regarding financial results and guidance, are "forward-looking statements" intended to qualify for the safe harbors from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified as such by the context of the statements, including words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "plan," "may," "would," "intend," "estimate," "guidance" and other similar expressions, whether in the negative or affirmative. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about the industry and markets in which we operate and management's beliefs and assumptions. We cannot guarantee that we actually will achieve the financial results, plans, intentions, expectations or guidance disclosed in the forward-looking statements made. Such forward-looking statements, and all phases of our operations, involve a number of risks and uncertainties, any one or more of which could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in our forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include or relate to, among other things: adverse weather conditions that have negatively impacted and may continue to negatively impact our revenues and our operating margin; current economic conditions that have adversely affected and may continue to adversely affect our revenues and our operating margin; we may be unable to increase volumes at our landfills or improve our route profitability; our need to service our indebtedness may limit our ability to invest in our business; we may be unable to reduce costs or increase pricing or volumes sufficiently to achieve estimated Adjusted EBITDA and other targets; landfill operations and permit status may be affected by factors outside our control; groundwater contamination discovered near our Southbridge landfill may delay our permitting activities at that landfill and result in costs and liabilities as well as impacting our disposal revenues at that site, each of which could impact our results of operations; we may be required to incur capital expenditures in excess of our estimates; fluctuations in energy pricing or the commodity pricing of our recyclables may make it more difficult for us to predict our results of operations or meet our estimates; we may incur environmental charges or asset impairments in the future; and actions of activist investors and the cost and disruption of responding to those actions. There are a number of other important risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements. These additional risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, those detailed in Item 1A, "Risk Factors" in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

We undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

Three Months Ended

2015

June 30,

2016

Six Months Ended

2015

June 30,

2016

CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited) (In thousands, except amounts per share)

\$ 144,670	\$ 143,714	\$ 270,103	\$ 260,292
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•	•	•	186,569
•	•	•	34,876
15,802	•	30,255	29,990
	(677)		(5,611)
129,074	132,372	252,533	245,824
15,596	11,342	17,570	14,468
9,944	10,080	19,870	20,065
593	-	545	521
-	47	-	198
(363)	(46)	(504)	(209)
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5,422	1,261	(2,341)	(6,107)
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Net income (loss)		5,192	 943	_	(2,422)	 (7,021)
Less: Net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interests		(3)	 (82)		(9)	 1,226
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$	5,195	\$ 1,025	\$	(2,413)	\$ (8,247)
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding		41,132	40,447		41,064	 40,432
Basic earnings per share	\$	0.13	\$ 0.03	\$	(0.06)	\$ (0.20)
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	_	41,598	 40,846	-	41,064	 40,432
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	0.12	\$ 0.03	\$	(0.06)	\$ (0.20)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	34,787	\$ 30,715	\$	54,050	\$ 45,194

CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited) (In thousands)

ASSETS	June 30, 2016		De	cember 31, 2015
	(U	naudited)		
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,382	\$	2,312
Accounts receivable - trade, net of allowance for doubtful accounts		61,083		60,167
Other current assets		15,124		14,189
Total current assets		78,589		76,668
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	1	398,747		402,252
Goodwill		119,899		118,976
Intangible assets, net		8,425		9,252
Restricted assets		1,762		2,251
Cost method investments		12,333		12,333
Other non-current assets	_	11,866		11,937
Total assets	\$	631,621	\$	633,669
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT				
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Current maturities of long-term debt and capital leases	\$	1,411	\$	1,448
Accounts payable		46,037		44,921
Other accrued liabilities		37,186		38,977
Total current liabilities		84,634		85,346
Long-term debt and capital leases, less current maturities		501,804		505,985
Other long-term liabilities		67,372		63,935
Total stockholders' deficit		(22,189)		(21,597)
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	\$	631,621	\$	633,669

CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

(In thousands)

		Six Mont Jun		
		2016		2015
Cook Flows from Operating Activities				
Cash Flows from Operating Activities: Net loss	\$	(2,422)	¢	(7,021)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities -	Φ	(2,422)	Φ	(7,021)
Depreciation and amortization		30,255		29,990
Depletion of landfill operating lease obligations		4,443		4,359
Interest accretion on landfill and environmental remediation liabilities		1,782		1,704
Amortization of debt issuance costs and discount on long-term debt		2,079		1,999
Stock-based compensation expense		1,622		1,435
Gain on sale of property and equipment		(520)		(93)
Divestiture transactions		(020)		(5,611)
Loss on debt extinguishment		545		521
Loss on derivative instruments		-		198
Excess tax benefit on the vesting of share based awards		_		(153)
Deferred income taxes		303		416
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and divestitures		(2,502)		(3,855)
Net cash provided by operating activities	_	35,585	_	23,889
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	_		_	
Acquistions, net of cash acquired		(2,439)		_
Acquisition related additions to property, plant and equipment		(38)		_
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(23,460)		(16,311)
Payments on landfill operating lease contracts		(3,326)		(1,425)
Proceeds from divestiture transactions		(0,020)		5,335
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		957		259
Proceeds from property insurance settlement		-		546
Net cash used in investing activities	_	(28,306)	_	(11,596)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:	_	(20,000)	_	(11,000)
Proceeds from long-term borrowings		126,000		231,728
Principal payments on long-term debt		(132,716)		(239,340)
Payments of debt issuance costs		(682)		(8,063)
Payments of debt extinguishment costs		(310)		(0,000)
Excess tax benefit on the vesting of share based awards		(0.0)		153
Change in restricted cash		499		5,677
Distribution to noncontrolling interest holder		-		(1,495)
Net cash used in financing activities	_	(7,209)	_	(11,340)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	_	70	_	953
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		2,312		2,205
	\$	2,382	\$	3,158
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	Ψ	2,302	Ψ	3,130
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:				
Cash interest	\$	18,394	•	17,063
Cash income taxes, net of refunds	\$	203	\$	55
Supplemental Disclosures of Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities:				
Non-current assets obtained through long-term obligations	\$	866	\$	-

Following is a reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Operating Income:

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months June 3				
	2016		2015		2015		_	2015	
Net income (loss)	\$	5,192	\$	943	\$	(2,422)	\$	(7,021)	
Provision for income taxes		230		318		81		914	
Other income		(363)		(46)		(504)		(209)	
Loss on derivative instruments		-		47		-		198	
Loss on debt extinguishment		593		-		545		521	
Interest expense, net		9,944		10,080		19,870		20,065	
Divestiture transactions		-		(677)		-		(5,611)	
Depreciation and amortization		15,802		16,241		30,255		29,990	
Proxy contest costs		-		284		-		284	
Depletion of landfill operating lease obligations		2,493		2,669		4,443		4,359	
Interest accretion on landfill and environmental remediation liabilities		896		856		1,782		1,704	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	34,787	\$	30,715	\$	54,050	\$	45,194	
Depreciation and amortization		(15,802)		(16,241)		(30,255)		(29,990)	
Depletion of landfill operating lease obligations		(2,493)		(2,669)		(4,443)		(4,359)	
Interest accretion on landfill and environmental remediation liabilities		(896)		(856)		(1,782)		(1,704)	
Adjusted Operating Income	\$	15,596	\$	10,949	\$	17,570	\$	9,141	

Following is a reconciliation of Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities to Free Cash Flow and Normalized Free Cash Flow:

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months End June 30,			
		2016	2015			2016		2015
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	\$	33,861	\$	29,584	\$	35,585	\$	23,889
Capital expenditures		(13,612)		(11,867)		(23,460)		(16,311)
Payments on landfill operating lease contracts		(2,826)		(947)		(3,326)		(1,425)
Proceeds from divestiture transactions		-		785		-		5,335
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		598		170		957		259
Proceeds from property insurance settlement		-		546		-		546
Distribution to noncontrolling interest holder		-		-		-		(1,495)
Free Cash Flow	\$	18,021	\$	18,271	\$	9,756	\$	10,798
Landfill closure, site improvement and remediation expenditures (i)		-		319		-		553
Net cash proceeds from CARES dissolution (ii)		-		-		-		(3,055)
Normalized Free Cash Flow	\$	18,021	\$	18,590	\$	9,756	\$	8,296

- (i) Includes cash outlays associated with Worcester landfill capping.
- (ii) Includes cash proceeds and cash distribution associated with the dissolution of CARES.

CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL DATA TABLES (Unaudited) (In thousands)

Amounts of our total revenues attributable to services provided for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

		Three Months I	Ended June 30,	
		% of Total		% of Total
201	6	Revenue	2015	Revenue

Collection	\$ 63,685	44.0%	\$ 60,636	42.2%
Disposal	39,384	27.2%	44,064	30.6%
Power generation	1,460	1.0%	1,564	1.1%
Processing	 1,747	1.3%	1,665	1.2%
Solid waste operations	 106,276	73.5%	107,929	75.1%
Organics	12,171	8.4%	10,847	7.5%
Customer solutions	13,407	9.3%	13,476	9.4%
Recycling	12,816	8.8%	11,462	8.0%
Total revenues	\$ 144,670	100.0%	\$ 143,714	100.0%

	Six Months Ended June 30,						
		% of Total				% of Total	
		2016	Revenue		2015	Revenue	
Collection	\$	121,536	45.0%	\$	113,962	43.8%	
Disposal		71,637	26.5%		71,831	27.6%	
Power generation		3,167	1.2%		3,612	1.4%	
Processing		2,720	1.0%		2,785	1.0%	
Solid waste operations		199,060	73.7%		192,190	73.8%	
Organics		21,106	7.8%		19,867	7.6%	
Customer solutions		26,483	9.8%		26,479	10.2%	
Recycling		23,454	8.7%		21,756	8.4%	
Total revenues	\$	270,103	100.0%	\$	260,292	100.0%	

Components of revenue growth for the three months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2015 are as follows:

	Amount	% of Related Business	% of Solid Waste Operations	% of Total Company
Solid Waste Operations:				_
Collection	\$ 2,921	4.8%	2.7%	2.0%
Disposal	830	1.9%	0.8%	0.6%
Solid Waste Price	3,751		3.5%	2.6%
Collection	302		0.3%	0.2%
Disposal	(6,293)		-5.8%	-4.4%
Processing	16		0.0%	0.0%
Solid Waste Volume	 (5,975)		-5.5%	-4.2%
Fuel surcharge	(35)		0.0%	0.0%
Commodity price & volume	(32)		0.0%	0.0%
Acquisitions, net divestitures	 638		0.5%	0.4%
Total Solid Waste	 (1,653)		-1.5%	-1.2%
Organics	1,324			1.0%
Customer Solutions	(69)			0.0%
Recycling Operations:			% of Recycling Operations	
Price	1,103		9.6%	0.7%
Volume	251		2.2%	0.2%
Total Recycling	1,354		11.8%	0.9%
Total Company	\$ 956		=	0.7%

Solid Waste Internalization Rates by Region for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	Three Months End	ded June 30,	Six Months Ende	ed June 30,
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Eastern region	53.0%	48.1%	49.2%	46.5%

Western region	75.6%	74.0%	74.3%	73.0%
Solid waste internalization	63.7%	60.4%	60.9%	59.1%

Components of Capital Expenditures for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 are as follows (iv):

Total Growth Capital Expenditures	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2016		2015		2016		2015	
	\$	2,116	\$	1,711	\$	3,462	\$	2,449
Replacement Capital Expenditures:								
Landfill development	\$	7,670	\$	4,380	\$	11,457	\$	5,618
Vehicles, machinery, equipment and containers		3,150		4,994		7,344		6,707
Landfill construction & equipment						-		
Facilities		526		334		680		503
Other		150		448		517		1,034
Total Replacement Capital Expenditures	\$	11,496	\$	10,156	\$	19,998	\$	13,862
Total Growth and Replacement Capital Expenditures	\$	13,612	\$	11,867	\$	23,460	\$	16,311

(iv) Our capital expenditures are broadly defined as pertaining to either growth, replacement or acquisition activities. Growth capital expenditures are defined as costs related to development of new airspace, permit expansions, and new recycling contracts along with incremental costs of equipment and infrastructure added to further such activities. Growth capital expenditures include the cost of equipment added directly as a result of organic business growth as well as expenditures associated with adding infrastructure to increase throughput at transfer stations and recycling facilities. Replacement capital expenditures are defined as landfill cell construction costs not related to expansion airspace, costs for normal permit renewals, and replacement costs for equipment due to age or obsolescence. Acquisition capital expenditures, which are not included in the table above, are defined as costs of equipment added directly as a result of new business growth related to an acquisition.

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