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Major shipment of recycled materials

The Minister for the Environment, the Hon Stephanie Jack MLA, has announced a major step forward in the recycling of materials by the Waste Management Centre.

“During the early hours of Wednesday 8th March, our team from the Waste Management Centre began loading approximately 60 tonnes of recyclable materials onto the Boral barge for transportation to Cairns”, Mrs Jack said. “The load comprised over \$20,000 worth of discarded aluminium, steel, copper and car batteries and will hopefully be the beginning of a twice-yearly shipment arrangement for such materials in conjunction with CMA Metals”.

The Minister gave special thanks to the Boral barge operators and crew, Perrott Salvage and Construction and Transam Argosy shipping agents. Mrs Jack said that staff from the Waste Management Centre were now working towards a sending off a shipment of asbestos to a secure landfill site in the middle of this year.

“It is really encouraging to see that we are now able to recycle large quantities of waste materials which were once burned or dumped into the ocean”, Mrs Jack said. “Progress is being made, and we now look forward to the next big step when we will be able to reprocess green waste to produce compost, soil conditioner and mulch”.

Mrs Jack said that more information on recycling of wastes was available from the Environment Officer (Nicole Diatloff) on 23 595 or email ndiatloff@admin.gov.nf

Stephanie V Jack
Minister for the Environment

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