



## RECYCLING RATES FLYING HIGH

- » Vector Aerospace is an industry-leading, independent provider of maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services for aircraft operators around the globe. They maintain and refurbish all military helicopters and serve globally-recognised clients such as Boeing and Rolls-Royce.

### THE CHALLENGE

As a producer of large and varied amounts of waste, Vector Aerospace were keen to see if they were doing all they could to ensure as much of this waste as possible was recycled and reused whilst keeping their costs as low as possible.

### THE SOLUTION

SITA UK proved that it was possible to reduce both their environmental impact and their costs by introducing new and improved recycling facilities and helping to educate Vector Aerospace's staff.

The Vector Aerospace Waste Manager had an established waste collection process that allowed workers to segregate waste into specific categories defined by colour-coded bins placed within the workshops. What the process needed was the ability to transfer this waste to the central material recycling facility (MRF) within the site.

SITA UK was able to respond to this by introducing matching colour-coded, towable containers. All waste on site – including hazardous – is now transferred to the MRF and the management of waste has improved significantly. SITA UK has worked closely with the Vector Waste Manager and two members of staff have been fully trained by SITA UK to deal with waste appropriately to maximise recycling. Vector Aerospace has introduced a waste compactor for domestic waste and SITA UK have provided guidance in setting up this equipment, providing information and support to establish this process. Recyclable material such as metal, wood, paper and plastic are now recovered.

SITA UK has significantly improved the management of hazardous waste at Vector, providing information and support to enable the waste to be segregated into specific types and eliminate the costly expense for disposal of mixed hazardous waste.

### RESULTS AND BENEFITS

As well as helping to increase Vector Aerospace's recycling rate to 55 per cent, SITA UK has helped to reduce their annual spend on waste by an impressive 40 per cent.

Waste removal on site is also now much more energy efficient and safer – instead of one large collection vehicle making multiple trips across the site to empty large containers, a tow vehicle is used to tow the containers provided by SITA UK. This has helped to reduce the amount of accidents and increase the rate of recycling. »

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## WHY SITA UK?

During the tender process SITA UK demonstrated that the costs associated with waste are becoming increasingly significant and that every business has a duty to manage their waste responsibly through recycling and minimisation.

“Following a detailed site audit which included hazardous waste, we developed a new plan to handle all the different waste streams. The SITA UK team has continued to support Vector Aerospace with their drive to increase recycling and reduce costs, and we were very pleased to welcome representatives from the Vector Aerospace team at SITA UK’s legislation day for customers.”

*Andrew Lee  
Senior Corporate Development Manager, SITA UK*



“We are just over one year into our first contract with SITA UK and within that time frame both our hazardous and domestic waste streams are now operating more efficiently. It is certainly fair to say that the progress we have made working with SITA UK has benefited us as a company both environmentally and financially.”

*Dave Buxton and Mike Spencer-Hicken  
from the Vector Aerospace  
management team*