Headquartered in Bedfordshire, UK, Pure Planet Recycling focuses on the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. Established in 2007, they have continually improved their environmental impact by using the most up-to-date technology to recycle electrical equipment. Part of that process includes auditing of and certification to ISO 14001, an international standard that sets out requirements for an environmental management system. It helps organizations improve their environmental performance through more efficient use of resources and reduction of waste, contributing to gaining and sustaining a competitive edge.

Pure Planet Recycling's Director Phil Gibbs worked with CSA Group through their process of certification. As he states, "In achieving our ISO 14001 certification through CSA, we are noticing a more structured approach to day-to-day tasks. The work instructions/ procedures created ensure staff know exactly what to do and how to minimize risk and impact." Gibbs
also notes that although the standard “governs environmental impact, it [has] also highlighted potential health and safety issues... [which] will make the business safer and reduce the risk of any workplace accidents and incidents.”

During the certification process for Pure Planet Recycling, CSA Group followed a standardized and structured approach to delivering Management System Certification – following a detailed contract review in close communication with our customer. This allowed CSA Group to provide a tailored project scope, taking into account the customer’s staff levels, size of operation and current commitments and responsibilities for environmental management. By thoroughly reviewing these needs, Pure Planet Recycling received the appropriate level of auditing and service to fit within their organizational structure.

The structure and transparency of the auditing process is a key benefit of the ISO methodology. CSA Group recognizes

that many facets of Management System Certification may be unfamiliar to their customers, therefore thorough guidance and communication is provided through every step of the process – from contract review, to audit, review of findings, and certification.

CSA Group offers customers a competitive edge with our United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) accreditation, which provides an extra element of structure and credibility. As Gibbs explains “We wanted a reputable company involved in our ISO 14001 certification. We considered a number of certification bodies with various options available, as it was key to obtain certification to the latest standard recognized by UKAS. All staff were knowledgeable and friendly; we have quickly seen the business benefits in using CSA.”

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