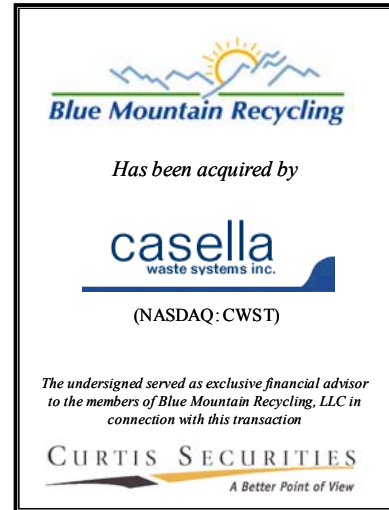


Transaction Announcement

Curtis Securities advises Blue Mountain Recycling, LLC in an exclusive \$15 million sale transaction to Casella Waste Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: CWST).

PHILADELPHIA, PA, April 2006 – Curtis Securities, LLC, an investment banking firm that specializes in advising middle market businesses, announced the acquisition of Blue Mountain Recycling, LLC by Casella Waste Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: CWST).

Blue Mountain Recycling, LLC was established in 2001 and grew into the largest independent materials recycling facility company in the Mid-Atlantic region of the U.S. offering single stream processing through facilities in Philadelphia and Montgomeryville, Pennsylvania. By 2005, the Company had posted several years of strong revenue growth and increasing profitability. The owners of the Company engaged Curtis Securities to initiate a sale process to enable them to realize maximum value today while also securing a partner to support the Company's growth.



In an accelerated timeframe, the Company was acquired by Casella Waste Systems, Inc., a regional, non-hazardous solid waste services company, under a transaction structure that included \$15 million in initial consideration; total consideration will be based on the attainment of targeted levels of EBITDA and free cash flows and the accomplishment of certain strategic initiatives over the next few years. "This transaction is a great example of the execution of our strategic goals of sustainability – making recycling more sustainable economically for both customers and providers of services, and for driving significantly greater utilization of the company's recycling assets," said John W. Casella, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Casella Waste Systems.

Curtis Securities served as Blue Mountain Recycling's exclusive financial advisor in connection with this transaction. William L. Kingsbury, Esq., of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP served as legal counsel to Blue Mountain Recycling.

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