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## **ESA PRESS STATEMENT**

# ***Augean's Stewart Davies elected ESA Chairman***

**LONDON, 20 October 2016:** The Environmental Services Association (ESA), the voice for the UK's resource and waste management industry, has today announced that Dr Stewart Davies, Chief Executive of hazardous waste treatment company, Augean Plc, has been elected as Chairman by the organisation's Board.

Dr Davies said:

*"I am delighted to be taking over the Chairmanship of the ESA at such an important time for our industry. As an £11bn industry investing in cleaner ways to turn Britain's waste into resources, we can be a major part of the UK's emerging industrial strategy. The ESA has a vital role to play in helping the Government join up its thinking on waste and resources, so that our member companies have a clear post-Brexit framework in which to bring forward a private sector-led package of investment in new waste infrastructure worth £10bn.*

*"I should also like to pay tribute to my predecessor, Peter Gerstrom of Cory Environmental, who was a tireless advocate for our industry during his time as Chairman and helped to drive ESA's agenda forward."*

Dr Davies will assume ESA's Chairmanship from Peter Gerstrom of Cory Environmental at the Association's AGM on 25 November 2016.

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## Notes to editors:

1. Stewart Davies joined Augean from Romec Ltd, where he was Managing Director for three years. Prior to this he held managing Director roles at Serco, Rugby Cement and Corus, following ten years at ICI in operations, commercial and strategy roles. He studied Natural Sciences (Physics) and then a PhD in Materials Science at the University of Cambridge, and is a Fellow of the Institute of Physics.
2. From 2009 to 2015 Stewart was a Governing Board Member of Innovate UK (formerly the Technology Strategy Board), also serving on its Audit & Risk Committee, and from 2006 to 2010 he was Business Commissioner on the government's Sustainable Development Commission. He was appointed to Augean's Board and became Chief Executive in August 2013.

## Augean

3. Augean is the sector leader in modernising hazardous waste management practice providing sustainable, compliance-led waste management solutions for Britain's more difficult to handle wastes.
4. Formed in 2004, the Group is strategically positioned to provide strong commercial and compliance-led solutions in a complex and legislative driven market. We continue to actively engage with our regulators providing a business perspective in the development of regulation and policy, the most significant of which is in promoting with the ESA the need for higher standards and the application of the waste hierarchy.

## Environmental Services Association

5. The Environmental Services Association (ESA) is the trade association representing the UK's resource and waste management industry, which is leading the transformation of how the UK's waste is managed.
6. We work with all levels of government, regulators and the public to deliver a more sustainable waste and resource management solution for the UK. ESA's recent Circular Economy report '*Going for Growth – A practical route to a circular economy*', which outlines how a Circular rather than a linear economy can help manage resources sustainably, can be downloaded [here](#).
7. ESA's Members manage waste on behalf of the whole of society and we are recovering more than ever before. For example, the industry has helped quintuple the UK's household recycling rates over the last decade.

## The sector at a glance

- Total turnover: **£11 billion**
- Direct Employment: **80,000 people**
- Municipal waste handled each year: **over 26 million tonnes**
- Energy generated (from waste combustion and landfill gas) each year: **approximately 6,700 GWh**, 1.5% of the UK's total electricity supply and around 20% of our renewable electricity.

- Greenhouse **gas emissions down by 70% since 1990.**
- The **top seven companies account for approximately 40% of turnover.** Many hundreds of SMEs provide either localised or more specialised services

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