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Another kudo for Maple Reinders

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Mississauga-based Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. has been honoured for the third time for its ground-breaking design and construction of the Hamilton centralized compost facility, receiving the Canadian Design-Build Institute's coveted Design-Build Award of Excellence.

The award comes just two months after the firm won the Canadian Construction Association's 2006 Environmental Achievement Award.

Maple Reinders, its Dutch partners and the city of Hamilton previously received the Netherlands/Ontario "Waste Management Partnership Award" for their efforts.

The \$30.7 million facility is capable of processing 60,000 tonnes of organic waste per year; about one-third of Hamilton's residential waste stream.

The aerated static pile process uses sealed concrete tunnels to control all parameters of the compost cycle; heat, moisture and oxygen.

The usual nuisances associated with outdoor composting such as odour, vermin, flies and weather-related delays — are eliminated.

Since start-up in May 2006, the Hamilton facility has become a model operation, visited by representatives of municipalities from North America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

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