Press release

**ANDRITZ MeWa successfully starts up new   
refrigerator recycling plant at AO Recycling**

**Graz, July 31, 2017.** ANDRITZ MeWa, part of international technology Group ANDRITZ, has successfully completed the launch of a refrigerator recycling plant at AO Recycling in Telford, United Kingdom. The 75,000 square-foot plant is designed to recycle approximately 700,000 fridges per year – one-fifth of all fridges disposed of annually in the UK.

The recycling plant processes single door, double door, American fridges and freezers as well as washing machines, tumble dryers and dish washers. Key equipment supplied by ANDRITZ is the proven QZ 2500 Cross-Flow Shredder for fast, careful and environmentally friendly disintegration of e-scrap and refrigerators. After being shredded by the QZ, the fractions containing valuable substances, such as aluminum, copper, iron, and plastics, are removed by suitable separation technology and supplied ready for sale. The environmentally harmful gases contained in the cooling liquids and insulation of refrigerators are removed completely by suction and then collected.

The successful start-up confirms ANDRITZ MeWa’s strong position as one of the global market leaders for the supply of complete recycling plants for e-waste and refrigerators.

The state-of-the-art facility in Telford is part of the online electricals retailer AO’s new venture, AO Recycling. AO’s investment in the county of Shropshire has created 200 jobs and has seen the electrical appliance giant join forces with former Knighton-based waste management firm The Recycling Group. AO Recycling aims to ensure the recycling sector has the capacity needed to deal with the growing issue of household electrical appliance waste.

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◄ State-of-the-art refrigerator recycling plant in Telford, UK (Source: AO Recycling)

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**The ANDRITZ GROUP**

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**ANDRITZ MeWa**  
ANDRITZ MeWa is a part of the ANDRITZ GROUP and has been developing and building shredding and crushing machines as well as turnkey recycling plants for many different applications for over 30 years. The main focuses are processing of electrical and electronic scrap, refrigerators, metal composite materials, domestic and industrial waste, old tires, oil filters, as well as organic waste for biogas plants. The company is based in Gechingen, Germany.