

**Introduction**

Through the Waste Services Contract, LLW Repository Ltd provides Customers with access to Packaging Services which includes the supply of a range of containers to support Low Level Waste management. These services include Containers to transport Low Level Waste for treatment and Containers to be transported and disposed of at the Low Level Waste Repository.

Back in November 2009, we issued a Customer Notice (Ref. LLWR-CN-2009-01) regarding Containers and supply issues. This new Customer Notice is intended to provide a status update on the supply of containers including details of price changes.

**Container Stock**

Since our supplier Yorkshire Marine Containers Ltd went into administration in November 2009, we have taken a number of actions relating to the supply of containers to ensure continuity of service. We have been through procurement activities and now have demonstration contracts in place with two new suppliers: Daher and WH Davis. Orders have been placed with these suppliers to manufacture a suite of containers to prove their manufacturing quality standards.

During this period, we have utilised the strategic stock that LLWR held to fulfil Customer's container requirements. This stock is now running low and we have been working with Customers to ensure the best use of the limited remaining stock. We appreciate the help and understanding we have had from Customers during this difficult period. Through the contracts with Daher and WH Davis, we expect to replenish the stock and be able to resume normal service from December 2011.

Ultimately by February 2012, we will have a strategic stock once again and new longer term supply contracts in place to provide a sustainable service going forward.

**Container Prices**

Due to the large strategic stock that we held going into this period, and the reduced number of container sales in recent years, it is some time since we have purchased containers in bulk. We have held the price of containers for Customers at 2008/09 levels as we used up the strategic stock. However, now that this stock has been used up, we are purchasing new units at 2011 prices.

During recent years, the cost of mild and stainless steel has increased significantly alongside increases in labour costs. This means that the new units we are purchasing are more expensive than the strategic stock units. Unfortunately, we can no longer hold the prices at 2008/09 levels. Therefore, once the strategic stock has been used, all container requests will be priced on application, through submission of a Packaging Services Form. We anticipate individual unit prices being approximately:

<i>Container Type</i>	<i>Unit Price (£)</i>
TC01 – 1/2 Height Container (Type 2910C)	£8,000
TC03 – 1/3 Height Container (Type 2989)	£10,000
TC08 – WAMAC Product Container (With Rails)	£8,300
TC08 – WAMAC Product Container (Without Rails)	£8,000

**Further Information and Questions**

If you would like any more information or have any questions regarding container supply, then please either send an e-mail to: [customerteam@llwrsite.com](mailto:customerteam@llwrsite.com) or call Marc Flynn, Logistics Services Manager on 01946 722011 / Jonathan Evans, Service Manager on 01946 722044.