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IT recycling company receives royal recognition for sustainability

Computacenter's specialist IT recycling arm RDC has received a Queen's Award for Enterprise for Sustainable Development.

RDC, which helps organisations redeploy, remarket and recycle their end-of-life IT equipment, won the award for combining environmental and social sustainability with commercial success.

The company's sustainability efforts include:

- Encouraging carbon positive reuse
- Minimising landfill waste
- Enabling clients to earn six-figure sums from the sale of used computers
- Supporting the local community and economy.

RDC was one of just 10 organisations to receive the award and the only company in the IT sector. Gerry Hackett, Managing Director of RDC, commented: "We are honoured to receive such a prestigious award. We are committed to providing our customers with cost-effective IT

recycling and redeployment services that helps them to comply with legislative requirements and meet their own environmental goals. This award recognises our commitment to sustainability and commercial success."

The UK's most prestigious awards for business performance, the Queen's Awards are issued each year by Her Majesty on the advice of the Prime Minister and an Advisory Committee that includes representatives of government, industry and commerce and trade unions.

A spokesperson for the Queen's Award Office commented: "RDC is a highly proactive and engaged company demonstrating best practice in terms of both its core business activity and the sustainable management of its operations and that of its supply chain, with strong environmental performance being mirrored by commendable social sustainability initiatives."

This is not the first time RDC has won a Queen's Award. In 2002, the company was awarded the Queen's Award for Innovation for the

development of its IT asset management business model.

Since its establishment in Essex in 1992, RDC has become the leading IT reuse and recycling organisation in Europe with more than 200 employees. Part of the IT services and solutions group Computacenter, the company also has operations near Cologne, Germany and Paris, France. RDC is also active in Africa, where it has helped to establish computer refurbishment and distribution centres in Uganda, Namibia and South Africa.

In the UK, RDC handles more than 10,000 tonnes of IT equipment, packaging and general waste every year, of which less than one per cent is disposed of as landfill. Its customers include the Environment Agency, EDF Energy and Crest Nicholson.