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TOYOTA RECRUITS AUTOGREEN AS END-OF-LIFE VEHICLE RECYCLING PARTNER

Toyota GB PLC has reached an agreement with the vehicle dismantling network Autogreen to provide end-of-life vehicle (ELV) recycling and disposal services. The contract ensures the owners of all Toyota and Lexus cars will be provided with a free take-back service from 1 January 2007.

Through the agreement Toyota GB meets the requirements of the European End of Life Vehicle Directive and subsequent UK legislation, introduced in March this year. From 1 January 2006, a year ahead of the free take-back service coming into effect, Autogreen's facilities will meet the minimum requirement of recovering and recycling 85 per cent of each vehicle's average weight.

Autogreen represents more than 250 vehicle recycling sites around the UK, ensuring that Toyota and Lexus customers have easy access to services in their region. In remote areas, Autogreen can arrange collection, if required. All sites meet Autogreen standards in terms of facilities and procedures and conform to the licensing requirements of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

Tom Denton, Toyota GB Environmental and Social Affairs Manager, said: "Toyota works on a global scale to minimise the impact of its operations on the environment. In choosing a business partner for ELV recovery and recycling, it was essential that the highest standards were demonstrated, ensuring Toyota and Lexus owners are given a responsible, reliable and efficient service for the final disposal of their vehicles.

"The Autogreen network is fully equipped to meet the demands of both the ELV legislation and Toyota's own environmental requirements."

More information about Autogreen and the take-back service can be found at www.aotgreen.org, or by calling the Toyota ELV customer support number 0800 542 4700, live from 1 November 2005.