



industrial waste minimisation

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Dear Richard

Subject: The Mini-Waste Faraday Partnership:
Novel Technologies and Processes for the Minimisation of Industrial Waste

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2003 asking me, as Director of a Faraday Partnership, to contribute to your review of the long-term links between business and universities in the United Kingdom.

Mini-Waste is one of the newer of the Faraday Partnerships, and officially started on 14 October 2002. Consequently, at this time, we cannot provide you with examples or case studies of how the business-academic partnerships being fostered within Mini-Waste are contributing to the overall well-being of the country.

Nevertheless, it is clear from your supporting document on the review, that many of the topics to be included in your study do, at least, correspond to the objectives of our individual Faraday, as well as the Faraday Partnership Programme in general. Clearly, we would like to think that our Partnership will be able to extract considerable added value out of the business-academic links within Mini-Waste. However, this value to the economy has yet to be delivered.

What I can say, is that we are already finding that a large number of businesses are keen to join Mini-Waste with the promise of considerable benefits to themselves from being a member of the Faraday. These businesses range from very large multi-national companies to small SMEs.

I apologise for not being able to give you more concrete evidence at this point in time, but I did feel that it was at least important to bring our Partnership to you attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future, if you would like further information from me.

Yours sincerely

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