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## News release

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### **Environmental Biotechnology CRC wins CRC STAR Award**

The Environmental Biotechnology Cooperative Research Centre (EBCRC) was awarded one of the Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) STAR Awards in recognition of its high-level engagement with small to medium enterprises (SMEs) to achieve mutually beneficial results for the CRC and SME.

The Awards were presented by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr in Canberra on Tuesday 26 May 2009 at the CRC Association Awards dinner.

EBCRC's work with the publicly listed waste-technology company AnaeCo Ltd, was the focus of the award. AnaeCo Ltd joined the EBCRC as an SME to get an insight into the biological aspects behind its patented DiCOM® process, used for treating the organic fraction of municipal solid waste.

EBCRC researchers were able to verify laboratory outcomes at pilot scale with real municipal solid waste, and provide AnaeCo Ltd with information to aid in the optimisation and scale up of the process for commercial purposes, resulting in improved investor confidence.

“These organisations show us the limitless potential of strong partnerships between researchers and industry, “ Senator Carr said.

Through its cooperation with the EBCRC, AnaeCo Ltd obtained key information about the biology behind its process and how to optimise it, strengthening the company's core capability.

In turn, through its interaction with AnaeCo Ltd, EBCRC benefited directly by having the opportunity to be part of the development of applied technologies, and increasing its expertise in anaerobic processes, which has now been passed on to other projects.

As AnaeCo Ltd commissions its first commercial-scale demonstration plant in Perth, Western Australia, it can do so with renewed confidence as a direct result of being involved with the EBCRC.

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