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## **Capgemini sets up Whitefield's first Integrated Community Waste Management Centre**

- *The Waste Management unit, **Kasa Rasa 3**, will process 2.5T of waste per day*
- *It will cater to up to 4000 households (20,000 people approx) in Whitefield*

Mumbai, June 30, 2016 — [Capgemini](#), a global leader in consulting, technology and outsourcing services, in collaboration with [Saahas](#), an NGO in zero-waste solutions and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) today announced the launch of a new Waste Management Centre in Whitefield, Bengaluru. This is the first such centre in Whitefield and the third in the city. Launched as a part of Capgemini's CR&S<sup>1</sup> efforts towards the environment, the primary aim of this waste management plant is to demonstrate the concepts of *Decentralised Waste Management* driven by *Segregation at Source*. The centre was inaugurated by Srinivas Kandula, CEO, Capgemini India, Shweta Vijay, Corporator, Wilma Rodrigues, CEO, Saahas and other senior officials from the organizations.

This is a unique public-private partnership model in waste management in Bengaluru where Capgemini has set up the entire infrastructure of the centre including equipment such as material handling system and shredder and a building of around 3750 sq. feet. While BBMP has provided the land, Saahas will be responsible for the operations with support from Resident Communities and other organizations such as Whitefield Rising and Naanu Nagarike.

With an estimated population of 6 million, Bengaluru generates around 4,000 tonnes of solid waste daily. The bulk of it is disposed of unscientifically often in the outskirts where nearby villages are affected. Decentralised Waste Management encourages processing of waste closer to the point of generation, as a result the community takes bigger ownership of how and what they generate. Additionally, by processing smaller quantities in the neighbourhood, the transportation cost is reduced, resource recovery is better and units are also better managed. These decentralized waste management units will process wet/biodegradable waste into compost or generate bio gas and dry/recyclable waste will be sorted and sent for recycling.

*"The environment is a critical pillar of our community and CR&S efforts. We are committed to sustainability both within our company and externally primarily through efficient energy use, business travel and waste management. This decentralized waste management centre will address the urgent need of solid waste management and treatment with innovative approaches while generating livelihood opportunities, engaging more people in green economy such as recycling, composting and other waste treatment-related activities. We*

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*thank Saahas and BBMP for their support and participation in collaborating with Capgemini in this initiative. We hope that our efforts will not only contribute to the creation of a better environment but will also build awareness for communities to adopt the best practices in green waste management,”* said Srinivas Kandula, CEO, Capgemini India.

Saahas is a not-for-profit organization that supports progressive policies around waste management, demonstrates best practises in decentralized waste management systems. This project, in collaboration with Capgemini is expected reach out to about 4000 households (approx. 20,000 people) in the area and also cater to about 10-15 bulk waste generators. Additionally, it will also create employment prospects and offer improved livelihood opportunities for the waste worker community. Through this project, Capgemini and Saahas aim to inspire other communities to follow the same approach and create a cleaner and healthier environment in Bengaluru.

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