A new confidential waste shredder has been commissioned at Revive IT's headquarters in Leeds, as the national computer recycler prepares to double in size in 2021.

Investment in a containerised UNTHA RS40 represents the team's move to bring its WEEE shredding services entirely in-house, for added peace of mind when it comes to secure data destruction.

Initially tasking the four-shaft shredder with processing 5,000 redundant hard drives and 5,000 media tapes, Revive IT plans to routinely shred 1,000 more of each unit type, per week, to meet rising demand. But engineered specifically for this extremely sensitive application, the machine actually has the capacity for three times this volume, should the company continue to expand.

With data destruction requirements varying from one customer to the next, 90% of the waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) shredded by the RS40 will be processed down to a 40mm particle size, with 10% reduced to a fine 6mm fraction to satisfy the highest government security standards.

The segregated plastics and metals will then be sent for recycling and reinsertion into the value chain.

“Our customers turn to us for a fully-insured secure data destruction service, complete with the reassurance that all environmental – as well as compliance – obligations are being upheld,” explains general manager Oliver Bedford. “GDPR and the increasing volume of data exchanged digitally, means demand for our services has continued to rise, and that was before Covid-19!

“Managing the WEEE shredding ourselves – rather than relying on third parties, however experienced – means we have complete quality control over our service provision, from end to end. We’re also better positioned to support more customers – including far larger organisations with ultra-sensitive security requirements.”

“I’d read about UNTHA’s DIN-compliant shredding technology and the more I explored the RS40’s capabilities, the more I realised this was by far the most superior machine on the market, for our secure data destruction brief,” continued Oliver. “The level of knowledge within the UNTHA team reflects this too.”

The machine has been purchased via an agreement with UNTHA Finance, inclusive of a service and maintenance package to continually optimise the reliability, efficiency and affordability of the shredder, long into the future.

WEEE and GDPR-compliant Revive IT specialises in securely refurbishing and recycling a myriad of devices including computers, laptops, mobile phone, hard drives, tablets, printers, servers and networking hardware, once they have been cleansed of potentially sensitive data. The equipment is collected, for free, from thousands of public and private sector organisations nationwide, and millions of items are processed annually.

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