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PETCO BECOMES MEMBER OF GARSD

The Global Alliance for Recycling and Sustainable Development (GARSD) has invited PETCO to join as a member receiving the advantage of being able to share and keep abreast with Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) recycling developments globally. The current member countries are: Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Venezuela, Uruguay and Thailand.

PETCO CEO, Cheri Scholtz attended the second GARSD meeting that was held in Bangkok, Thailand on the 16th-19th November 2009. PETCO was invited to attend by Coca-Cola as an organisation in the Africa region that is currently supported by Coke. The meeting was sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company (TCCC) and hosted by the Thailand Institute of Packaging Management for Sustainable Environment (TIPMSE).

The first meeting of GARSD was held in October 2007, this is when the group was named and had the foundation of alliance set in place. Carolina Santiago of TCCC (Global Sustainable Packaging) is the current president of the GARSD. Participant countries are able to learn recycled waste management patterns which are significant to the other countries. Cheri Scholtz says: "The alliance provides PETCO with a platform to share/learn/exchange best practice and benchmark with other developing countries, which is valuable particularly as we are currently working towards Packaging Industry Management Plan ".

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