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Running on Recyclables

By Kathryn M. Roy

Few executives can say nearly all production materials are recycled. Jim Bango can.

Ninety-five percent of the materials used in Bango's recycled/restored pallet shop, Custom Recycling, are recycled, and an astounding 100 percent of materials used in Bango's Atlantic Pulp are recycled. Bango purchases newsprint from paper recyclers, but also uses corrugated scrap from his own Russell Partition company in the molded products for Atlantic Pulp, such as restaurant drink trays.

"None of my businesses run on new materials — we're dependent on recycled materials," Bango said. "We're less expensive than (buying) new pallets. We're saving people money and saving the environment."

Bango has gone one step further than simply being green, said Sherill Baldwin, environmental analyst with the state Department of Energy & Environmental Protection.

"He represents multiple parts of the reuse and recycling industry," Baldwin said. "(Bango) recognizes something has value, even when most see it as waste or trash."

SUBSIDIARIES: Atlantic Pulp, Russell Partition, Custom Recycling

HEADQUARTERS: North Haven

EMPLOYEES: 58

FOUNDED: 1993

WEBSITE:

www.atlanticpulp.com

INFO: Jim Bango started recycling pallets after his trucking firm needed new ones; bought a partition company for its parking lot; and founded a manufacturer when his largest partition customer switched to pulp products.



Green Fact:

Roughly 2 billion pallets are in circulation globally, and about two-thirds of these are only used once.

SOURCE: BANGO INDUSTRIES