

### The Technical Parameters

1. The Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Safety (RAMS) and **Life Cycle Costs** (LCC) are such that:
  - (a) the costs of running the facility are the same or better than those for recently procured similar plants (adjusted for capacity and time); and
  - (b) the costs of running the facility are not deflated during the period up to the end of the period of the Waste Contract at the expense of increased running costs from that point to the end of the design life of the facility.
2. The **return condition** of the facilities comprised within the Variation at the expiry of the Waste Contract, shall be such that they;
  - (a) are in accordance with the specifications pursuant to which they were procured (save for agreed changes); and
  - (b) are in a condition consistent with proper use up to that point in time; and
  - (c) are capable of being operated for the remainder of their design life; and
  - (d) are likely to be capable of being re-financed at commercial rates; and
  - (e) are in a condition which, having regard to the adequacy of any maintenance reserve does not create an operational and/or maintenance burden for the remainder of the design life.
3. Any **prescriptive specification** items required by the Counties [such as additional pollution control/de-nox] have been incorporated in the specification for the facility.
4. Any **operating restrictions** required by the Counties have been incorporated in the operating requirements for the facility.
5. Any major **component warranties** required by the Counties have been requested in Mercia's contract documents for the facilities.