



DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY ORGANISATIONS SHORTLISTED FOR SCOTLAND'S TOP ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

Dumfries and Galloway's most environmentally friendly organisations have today (2 November) been shortlisted in the Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) awards 2007.

The region's shortlisted companies include: Dumfries-based Solway Recycling Ltd, the one-stop recycling service for farmers; and Castle Douglas' Cream of Galloway Dairy, a visitor attraction and manufacturer of luxury organic ice cream and frozen yogurt. Winners will be announced at a prestigious ceremony on 5 December at Glasgow's Radisson SAS hotel.

This year's awards will be given to three main categories: small (less than 50 employees): medium (between 50 and 250 employees) and large (more than 250 employees), with a host of further VIBES awards being presented to additional outstanding companies.

Now in its eighth year, VIBES recognises and rewards the efforts of Scottish businesses to become more efficient and competitive through improving environmental performance and benefiting an organisation's bottom-line.

Gillian Bruce, VIBES judge and acting chair of the awards said: "The calibre of entries for this year's VIBES awards was outstanding – all of the shortlisted companies showed immense commitment to their environmental initiatives and are making positive savings both financially as well as in terms of their environmental contribution."

Roy Hiddleston, managing director from Solway Recycling Limited, added: "Waste management is now an accepted part of the agricultural industry. We have over 23,000 farmers using our "Bin and Liner" system. They help to keep the plastics clean and separate, and participate in a vital stage of the recycling wheel."

"As a small company we are delighted to be recognised for our environmental initiatives and we are looking forward to celebrating our nomination at the VIBES awards ceremony in December."

VIBES winners are eligible to enter the European Business Environment Awards. These awards have been running since 1987 and attract around 200 entries per year from the

cream of Europe's most environmentally positive businesses. VIBES is the only award scheme in Scotland that feeds in to these prestigious European awards.

Wilma Finlay, managing director at Cream O'Galloway Dairies added: "With over 60,000 visitors to our centre every year, 45 per cent of our ice cream sales being in the Dumfries and Galloway area and regular school and community group activities, we are not only incredibly proud of our business success but of our position within the wider community.

"Being recognised by VIBES is a great reward for all of the hard work our staff put into environmental initiatives throughout the company."

The VIBES Awards are sponsored by Rolls-Royce Inchinnan and Chivas Brothers – Pernod Ricard, both previous winners.

The shortlisted companies are:

Glasgow

- Coca-Cola Enterprises Ltd (East Kilbride)
- Robert Wiseman Dairies (East Kilbride)
- Kyle Electronic Design Ltd (Glasgow)
- BAE Systems Surface Fleet Solutions (Glasgow)
- Gas Call Services Ltd (Glasgow)

Edinburgh

- Apex Hotels Ltd (Edinburgh)
- REpower UK Ltd (Edinburgh)
- Edinburgh International Conference Centre (Edinburgh)
- Radisson SAS (Edinburgh)
- BAA Edinburgh Airport (Edinburgh)
- Maximillion (Edinburgh)
- Rabbie's Trail Burners Ltd (Edinburgh)
- Scotprint (Haddington)
- Scottish Seabird Centre (North Berwick)

Stirling

- Pure Nappies Ltd (Stirling)

Fife

- Morton of Pitmilley (St Andrews)
- Fairmont St Andrews (St Andrews)
- Raytheon Systems Ltd (Glenrothes)

Angus

- Glamis Castle (Angus)

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire

- Mackies of Scotland (Aberdeenshire)
- TOTAL E&P UK Ltd (Aberdeen)

Dumfries and Galloway

- Cream O'Galloway Dairy (Castle Douglas)

- Solway Recycling Ltd (Dumfries)

Borders

- Sykes Global Services Ltd (Galashiels)
- Emtelle UK Ltd (Hawick)
- Press Mains Farm (Coldingham)

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