



GLASGOW ORGANISATIONS SHORTLISTED FOR SCOTLAND'S TOP ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

Five of Glasgow'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 Glasgow shortlisted companies include: electronic and real-time software design consultancy, Kyle Electronic Design Ltd; developers of advanced defence and aerospace systems, BAE Systems Surface Feet Solutions, and 24-hour gas maintenance and installations service provider, Gas Call Service Ltd.

In addition, they are joined by Scotland's Coca-Cola offices and depot in East Kilbride and the Bellshill site of Robert Wiseman Dairies, procurer of Scotland's iconic milk brand and supermarket favourites "freshnlow" and "The One". 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."

David Douglas, group environmental manager from Robert Wiseman Dairies commented: "It is an honour to be shortlisted by VIBES for our commitment to the environment; we are incredibly proud of our environmental initiatives and are looking forward to celebrating our nomination at the award ceremony in December.

"We have substantial plans for further environmental growth – one of our main goals is to eliminate waste completely and consequently ensure fewer resources are going into landfill sites."

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.

Drew Russell, safety and environment manager, from Coca-Cola added: "We manufacture and distribute the world's best known soft drink brand from right here in East Kilbride.

"As well as being recognised for our environmental programme, our award winning factory and distribution site are committed to continually focusing on reducing energy usage and landfill waste.

"Corporate responsibility is critical to our future success and the sustainability of our business. That is why we are so passionate about our environmental initiatives."

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

The 2007 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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