



## **SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED FOR SCOTLAND'S TOP ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS FOR BUSINESS**

More than 20 organisations from across Scotland will vie to be named Scotland's greenest organisation later this year after the shortlist for Scotland's leading environmental awards was announced today (2 November).

Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) shortlisted companies from all over Scotland – including a castle, a leading provider of wind turbine services, a beef farm and holiday cottages, and a four-star hotel – will attend a prestigious awards ceremony on 5 December at Glasgow's Radisson SAS hotel, where the winners will be announced.

This year 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."

Robert Wiseman Dairies – Scotland's iconic milk brand and procurer of supermarket favourites 'freshnow' and 'The One' – is delighted that its Bellshill site has been recognised for its environmentally friendly initiatives.

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.

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)

**Ends**

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### **Notes for Editors**

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