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FIVE GLASGOW BUSINESSES SHORTLISTED FOR SCOTLAND'S TOP ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

Five of Glasgow's most environmentally friendly organisations have been shortlisted in the Scotland's top environmental awards for businesses – Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) Awards 2010.

Now in its eleventh year, VIBES aims to recognise businesses of all sizes and sectors employing good environmental practice in their daily activity while also making significant financial savings.

There are 25 companies that have been shortlisted for this year's awards. The shortlisted Glasgow companies include: Interlink M74 JV (**Glasgow**), Radisson Blu Hotel (**Glasgow**), Sew Good Curtains and Blinds (**Glasgow**), Diageo Shieldhall (**Glasgow**) and Junk IT Ltd (**Ibrox**).

Each of the shortlisted companies has received site visits from the awards' judges over the past three months, and the lucky winners will be announced at a ceremony on **Wednesday, 1 December at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow**. The keynote speaker at the event will be the director of CBI Scotland, Iain McMillan.

Alan Farquhar, VIBES chair said: "Now in their eleventh year, the VIBES Awards continue to attract high calibre entries from across the country. The competition increases every year and the shortlisted companies should be proud to have reached this stage in the competition.

"The Glasgow shortlisted companies have shown great commitment to their environmental initiatives and are making financial savings through reduced resource use".

Awards will be presented for Best Management to small (less than 50 employees), medium (between 50 and 250 employees) and large (more than 250 employees) companies. Further categories include: Best Service (sponsored by William Tracey Group); Best Micro Company (sponsored by Stagecoach Group); Best Product; Best Process; and the Special Award for Energy Efficiency, supported by the Scottish Government.

VIBES winners are eligible to enter the European Business Awards for the Environment. 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.

Regular updates on the free-to-enter VIBES awards 2010 will be posted on Twitter and its blog. Follow @VibesAwards or visit www.vibes.org.uk/blog .

VIBES is a partnership between: Environmental Protection UK; NetRegs; Scottish Business in the Community; Scottish Environment Protection Agency; Scottish Government and Zero Waste Scotland.

The scheme is also supported by: CBI Scotland; Energy Saving Trust; Federation of Small Businesses in Scotland; Forward Scotland; Green Business Partnership and Scottish Enterprise.

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Notes for Editors

About the VIBES Awards:

- The VIBES competition recognises and showcases businesses in Scotland that are taking significant steps to improve or reduce their impact on the environment while saving money in the process.
- The main aims of the awards are to:
 - encourage the efficient use of resources
 - enhance the competitiveness of businesses
 - improve environmental performance
 - support the wider goals of sustainable development including social benefits through community and staff involvement
- This year the VIBES Best Micro Company Award is sponsored by international transport operator Stagecoach Group, winner of the Process Award in 2009.
- The William Tracey Group is sponsoring the VIBES Service Award 2010. The recycling and waste management company picked up this award in 2008 and 2009.
- The VIBES Special Award for Energy Efficiency is supported by the Scottish Government's Action on Energy Efficiency. The plan is available on the Scottish Government website at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/Energy/Action/energy-efficiency-policy/ActionPlan>

For more information on VIBES and past winners, please visit www.vibes.org.uk

About the shortlisted companies:

CATEGORY	COMPANY	ABOUT	LOCATION
Management (Large Size)	BAA Edinburgh Airport	BAA Edinburgh is the owner/operator of Edinburgh Airport. They are landlord to all the airlines, handling agents, shops, air traffic control and support companies at the airport. www.edinburghairport.com	EDINBURGH
	FMC Technologies Ltd	FMC Technologies, Inc. (NYSE:FTI) is a leading global provider of technology solutions for the energy industry. The company designs, manufactures and services technologically sophisticated systems and products such as subsea production and processing systems, surface wellhead systems, high pressure fluid control equipment, measurement solutions, and marine loading systems for the oil and gas industry. www.fmctechnologies.com	DUNFERMLINE, FIFE
	Kingdom Shopping Centre	Kingdom Shopping Centre is the prime retailing outlet in Glenrothes, performing both comparison and convenience shopping functions and providing an important centre point for the local community. The centre provides 430,000 sq ft of covered accommodation on a single level mall, and serves around 150,000 visitors per week. www.kingdomshoppingcentre.co.uk	GLENROTHES, FIFE
	Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow	The recipient of numerous architectural awards, the stunning Radisson Blu Hotel is near to world-class shopping and is on the doorstep to Glasgow's financial and business district. One of the finer Glasgow city centre hotels, it offers 250 luxury guest rooms and suites as well as conference and meeting facilities and an event venue, seating up to 800 guests. http://www.radissonblu.co.uk/hotel-glasgow	GLASGOW
	Robert Wiseman Dairies	Robert Wiseman Dairies procures, processes and delivers liquid milk throughout Britain. The East Kilbride site has responsibility for processing and production of the Group's speciality	EAST KILBRIDE

		<p>products, which includes flavoured milks. It also processes their own brand product, supplies to schools across the UK, produces orange juice, double, single and whipping cream, and organic and GM free milks.</p> <p>www.wiseman-dairies.co.uk</p>	
	Magnox North Ltd	<p>Hunterston 'A' is an electricity generating nuclear reactor that is now undergoing decommissioning. Magnox North is contracted by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) to undertake key hazard reduction activities as part of the decommissioning process.</p> <p>www.magnoxnorthsites.com</p>	WEST KILBRIDE, NORTH AYRSHIRE
	Scottish Power Longannet	<p>Longannet Power Station is one of the largest coal-fired power stations in Europe. With a capacity of 2,400 megawatts (MW) it can meet the electricity needs of more than two million homes.</p> <p>www.spenergywholesale.co.uk</p>	KINCARDINE-ON-FORTH, FIFE
	Diageo Shieldhall	<p>Diageo is the world's leading premium drinks company - the Shieldhall site is the biggest dedicated Scotch whisky bottling plant in the company's portfolio. The site produced 22m cases of full strength bottled spirits in 2009, making it the world's largest Scotch packaging plant in the world servicing 180 markets worldwide.</p> <p>www.diageo.com</p>	GLASGOW
	Coca Cola Enterprises	<p>The Coca Cola Enterprises East Kilbride site manufactures a full range of soft drinks on four dedicated production lines, in varying packages and sizes. The 'Automated Storage and Retrieval System/Warehousing' facility at the site holds up to 14,000 pallet spaces, with distribution in both bulk and for local distribution channels.</p> <p>www.cokecce.co.uk</p>	EAST KILBRIDE
	Diageo Cameronbridge	<p>Diageo Cameronbridge distils grain whisky and neutral spirit, in addition to producing gin and vodka. In November 2010, commissioning for the bio-energy</p>	WINDYGATES, FIFE

		plant will commence, which will generate heat and power to run the distillery. www.diageo.com/scotland	
	MGt plc	MGt is a leading provider of billing and customer management software and outsourced services for global telecommunications, media, technology, entertainment and retail markets. www.mgtplc.com	KIRKALDY, FIFE
Management (Medium Size)	Interlink M74 JV	Interlink M74 JV is responsible for the construction of a five mile stretch of motorway which will link the existing M74 with the M8 west of the Kingston Bridge in Glasgow. www.transportscotland.gov.uk/projects/m74-completion	GLASGOW
	Clark Contracts	Clark Contracts was established as a joinery company in 1978 and have since developed into six divisions working in the construction, refurbishment and maintenance sectors of the construction industry, with contract values up to £10 million. www.clarkcontracts.com	PAISLEY
Management (Small Size)	EAE Ltd	EAE Ltd is Scotland's leading arts and tourism leaflet marketing company servicing over 5,000 display sites and 800 clients across Scotland. The Loanhead site is their main storage, distribution and admin centre. www.eae.co.uk	LOANHEAD, MIDLOTHIAN
	Maximillion	Maximillion is an Events and Communications agency. They deliver events throughout the UK and beyond to help clients communicate business messages to employees and customers. www.maximillion.co.uk	NEWBRIDGE, EDINBURGH
	Sew Good Curtains and Blinds	Sew Good Curtains and Blinds design, manufacture, finish and install curtains, pelmets, soft furnishings and all types of window blinds for private and business clients.	GLASGOW
Product	Healthcare Environmental Services Ltd	Healthcare Environmental Services Ltd provide bespoke waste management services through the UK, specialising in the collection of medical waste from over 98% of Scotland's NHS hospitals.	SHOTTS, NORTH LANARKSHIRE

		<p>The Healthcare Sharps System is a fully patented reusable sharps container, which is estimated to save the NHS £15million per annum.</p> <p>www.heathcareenv.co.uk</p>	
	Aquamarine Power	<p>Aquamarine Power was established in 2005 to commercialise the unique near-shore wave power device known as Oyster. The first prototype - Oyster 1 - is the world's largest grid-connected hydro-electric wave energy converter. The 315kW Oyster 1 was officially switched on at the European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) test facility in November 2009. Since then the device has delivered more than 4,000 operating hours at sea and has proven its robust survivability characteristics through the high-energy winter season.</p> <p>www.aquamarinepower.com</p>	EDINBURGH
	CMS Enviro Systems Ltd	<p>CMS Enviro Systems is a manufacturer and installer of PVCu, Aluminium and Timber composite window, door and curtain walling systems. The business currently manufactures in excess of 45,000 PVCu windows and 5,000m2 of curtain walling per year making it one of the largest independent manufacturers of glazing products in Scotland.</p> <p>www.cms-es.co.uk</p>	CUMBERNAULD, NORTH LANARKSHIRE
	Mitsubishi Electric	<p>Mitsubishi Electric's Livingston manufacturing facility produces energy efficient heat pump air conditioning units which are sold throughout the UK, Europe and beyond. In September 2009, the factory commenced production of the Ecodan air source heat pump residential heating system; the only UK-manufactured heat pump to receive the prestigious Eco-Label for its environmental credentials.</p> <p>www.mitsubishi-aircon.co.uk</p>	LIVINGSTON, WEST LoTHIAN
	Vegware Ltd	<p>Vegware develops, manufactures and distributes compostable food packaging and catering disposables. All Vegware products are made from renewable or recycled materials and are fully</p>	EDINBURGH

		compostable. www.vegware.com	
Process	GE Caledonian Ltd	The GE Caledonian site services and repairs aero engines and single item engine components. As part of a management plan to reduce utilities usage/carbon footprint and improve process efficiency, high level lighting was identified as an opportunity for improvement. http://www.geae.com/index.html	PRESTWICK, SOUTH AYRSHIRE
	Sureclean Ltd	Sureclean has extensive experience in waste management, treatment and disposal and currently operates two licensed waste treatment and transfer facilities located in Alness and Aberdeen. www.sureclean.com	ABERDEEN
	Scottish Power Longannet	Longannet Power Station aims to become an international centre of excellence for carbon capture and storage (CCS) to generate electricity from coal more sustainably. Since May 2009 Longannet has been capturing CO2 from its flue gases – the first coal-fired power station in the UK to do so. www.scottishpower.com and www.spenergywholesale.com	FIFE
Service	Arc Architects	Arc is an award winning architecture practice that specialises in new ecological architecture, conservation, research, and adapting old buildings to new uses. Their contemporary architecture creates beautiful energy efficient buildings from sustainable materials and enhances old buildings using traditional materials. www.arc-architects.com	CUPAR, FIFE
	Junk It Ltd	Junk It provide a complete junk removal service specialising in home and office clearances throughout central Scotland. They currently divert around 75% of the items they uplift away from landfill. www.junk-it-scotland.com	GLASGOW

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