



E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

REGIONAL NEWS

Innovation: **Scottish Enterprise** reports that building work has started on the UK's largest biomass-fired power plant. The 6¼100 million plant is located near the Scottish town of Lockerbie and will have a peak capacity of 44 MW. It will run largely on wood waste and specially grown fuel crops, such as willow coppice. Development of the facility is being carried out for EON UK, a subsidiary of German utility E.ON, as a joint venture between Siemens Power Generation and Kvaerner Power. The new plant is due to come on-line in late 2007 and will provide electricity for nearly 70,000 households.

New Initiatives: Wincanton, a member of the **Environmental Industries Federation**, has this month opened its new, state-of-the-art WEEE recycling plant in Billingham, near Middlesbrough. Wincanton has invested £4.5 million in the recycling plant, which is the first of its kind in the UK. Capable of processing up to 75,000 tonnes per year, the equivalent of 826,500 washing machines, 67 million kettles, or 536 million mobile phones, the machine takes waste electronic and electrical items back to the basic material that can be recycled. The commissioning of the new machine means that Wincanton will be able to provide a 'one-stop solution' to meet WEEE collection needs. Contact info@eif.org.uk for details.

Skills & Training: Cogent SSC is working with SEMTA, Summit Skills, Energy and Utility Skills, Automotive Skills and GoSkills in collaboration with employers on the development of the new "made-to-measure" qualification, an **engineering diploma**. The site www.engineeringdiploma.com has been launched to provide information and updates on the development of a Diploma designed to be the first key stepping stone in preparing the future generation of British engineers.

Scottish Enterprise has recently conducted a study into Research capacity within Scotland relating to the environmental goods and services industry. The report will be available soon. Contact carol.lightbody@scotent.co.uk for more information.

International Trade: The **DTI Renewable Energy Trade Promotion Service** would like to inform you of new opportunities for UK companies in the renewable energy industry. Details of trade promotion and business development opportunities have been posted on their website www.ukrenewables.com

IN GENERAL

UK ETAP Roadmap: This aims to bring together the entire environmental technology related activity going on at all levels of Government across the UK. For details see: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/business/envtech/pdf/roadmap.pdf>

DTI is Seeking to Simplify! The DTI is committed to reducing red tape and burdens on business and have introduced the **Simplification Programme** - this looks at removing regulations, merging regulations into a more manageable form and resolving overlap or inconsistency within or between regulations. This includes reducing the burden of paperwork and the time taken to

dealing with information requests. The DTI will consider existing regulations which cover the private, public and voluntary sectors across domestic and European issues as well as how inspection and enforcement activities are carried out 'on the ground'. You can submit simplification proposals via e-mail on simplify@dti.gsi.gov.uk

Consultations

♦ **Energy Review Consultation.** Deadline - 14th April 2006. See <http://www.dti.gov.uk/energy/review>

♦ **Combining the Pollution Prevention & Control System & the Waste Management Licensing System.** Deadline 15th May 2006. See www.defra.gov.uk/environment/epp

DIARY DATES

UNIDO Environmental UK Forum: 7th March, Park Plaza Hotel, Cardiff. UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organisation), in conjunction with the Welsh Assembly Government, invite UK SMEs with expertise in environmental technologies to explore potential engagement with UNIDO in a range of projects. To book your place contact either Bill Jones on 07788 917 932, email bjones@kinetic3.co.uk or Sean Connick on 07990 690 161, email john.connick@wda.co.uk

2nd Northwest Sustainable Construction Conference 2006: 16th March, Ribby Hall Village, Wrea Green, Lancashire. With the key address being given by Elliot Morley MP, this event will provide industry with information on the latest developments in the field of sustainable construction. To register please contact l.mcgeechan@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk

World Sustainable Energy Days 2006: 1st – 3rd March, Wels, Austria. Visit www.wsed.at, contact info@mwea.org.uk or call 01654 703 064 for further information.

Globe 2006: 26th March – 1st April, Vancouver. Wales Trade International trade mission focusing on construction, transport, waste management & alternative energy sources. See www.walestrade.com/welshcompanies/export/programme_01_02.html

Fuelling the Future: Making a Success of the Renewable Transport Fuels Obligation: 4th April 2006, Central London.

This EIC conference will take a detailed look at the commercial implications of the Renewable Transport Fuels Obligation, including the policy framework in Europe and the UK for supporting transport biofuels. Tel. 020 7935 1675 or email info@eic-uk.co.uk for details.

For a full events list visit EIForum's events calendar and see what is happening in the UK, around Europe or other locations on particular dates. Let us know about any other relevant sector specific events and we will add them to the pages. Visit www.eiforum.org.uk to register (free) and access the calendars for 2006 and 2007 under the 'News' tab.

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