



## E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

### REGIONAL NEWS

**Innovation:** Centre for Sustainable Engineering is running a national Clean Energy Innovation Competition culminating in an event on 23<sup>rd</sup> November supported by the DTI at which the Energy Minister, Malcolm Wicks, will speak. Entries into the competition are for those who design/produce technologies which will deliver significantly lower carbon outcomes. For full details visit [www.cseng.org.uk](http://www.cseng.org.uk) or contact [p.sheppard@cseng.org.uk](mailto:p.sheppard@cseng.org.uk).

**New Initiatives:** Recent market estimations for the water treatment sector have indicated that global growth is expected to be 6% per annum to reach a world market of £35 billion by 2009. Thus there are clearly major opportunities for investment, both nationally and internationally, to encourage safe and accessible water in a sustainable form to a growing percentage of the world population. For more information about opportunities for investment please contact Henry Le Fleming at [henry.le Fleming@envirobusiness.co.uk](mailto:henry.le Fleming@envirobusiness.co.uk) or on 07786 542 904.

**Skills:** WRAP has launched a new fund to enhance senior management skills in the recycling sector. Successful applicants towards the scheme's training costs can make claims of up to £5,000; no match funding is required. Preference will be given to areas within the sector that are known to be lacking such as financial planning, strategic planning, health and safety and risk management, nevertheless all areas will be considered. This scheme has been put in place to encourage personal development among senior managers and ultimately boost confidence in the recycling sector with the investment community: [http://www.wrap.org.uk/business\\_and\\_finance/businesses/funding\\_for.html](http://www.wrap.org.uk/business_and_finance/businesses/funding_for.html), or telephone 0808 100 2040.

**Other:** Shell Springboard fund is open for a second round to give funding to small businesses who manufacture a product or provide a service which reduces greenhouse gases, is innovative and commercially viable. Criteria for funding stipulates that a business must have been operating for at least three months as a sole trader or a company employing no more than 250 staff. Successful applicants can receive between £20,000 and £40,000. The deadline for applications is 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006. For more information see [www.shellspringboard.org](http://www.shellspringboard.org).

### IN GENERAL

UK Trade & Investment are taking a group of companies from the automotive sector on a trade mission to an Autoforum Conference in Wroclaw, Poland, on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006. The aim of the conference is to find out about innovative products and solutions in the automotive sector while investigating trading opportunities in Poland and Eastern Europe as a whole. Companies interested in joining the mission, or to gain more information about it, please contact Jerry Jackson at [jacksonappleacre@aol.com](mailto:jacksonappleacre@aol.com) or visit [www.autoforum.org.pl](http://www.autoforum.org.pl).

Recognised and respected worldwide, The Queen's Awards are equivalent to 'corporate knighthoods'. Open to any UK business with two or more people, they honour outstanding achievement in three categories: International Trade, Innovation and Sustainable Development. Deadline for applications: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006. See [www.queensawards.org.uk](http://www.queensawards.org.uk) or call 0870 5 13 44 86.

### DIARY DATES

**Sustainable Energy Information Day: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2006, Enterprise House, Greenmarket, Tayside.** Companies have the opportunity to attend this event to learn about the huge growth opportunities on offer as the green energy revolution takes hold, as well as receiving advice on how to cut costs by cutting energy consumption. For more information please contact Nadia Miele at [nadia.miele@scotent.co.uk](mailto:nadia.miele@scotent.co.uk) or on 01382 305 525.

**Industrial Water Management Event: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006, The Lowry, Salford Quays.** This Envirolink Northwest event will showcase the latest technical solutions whilst providing networking opportunities with key professionals in process industries including food and drink, chemicals, and representatives from the environmental technology sector. For more information please contact Ross Dixon at [r.dixon@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk](mailto:r.dixon@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk) or on 07980 597 491.

**ESCO Europe 2006: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006, Prague, Czech Republic.** This event aims to present and define the role of ESCOs (Energy Service Companies) in the European liberalised energy market and environmental policy framework. For more information see <http://www.esco-europe.com>; contact name for correspondence is Elisabeth Brusse.

**WEEE Seminar: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006, Cabinet War Rooms, London.** This seminar aims to widen the understanding of WEEE and their implications. To register or for more information please visit <http://cwr.iwm.org.uk/server.php?show=nav,00f> or e-mail [phil.conran@biffa.co.uk](mailto:phil.conran@biffa.co.uk).

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scottish Land Remediation Conference: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006, Glasgow Science Centre.** EIC is hosting this conference to provide a forum for all involved in land remediation in Scotland to understand and debate the changes and the challenges ahead. For the conference leaflet and registration form see [http://www.eic-uk.co.uk/images/ScotConf\\_V21.pdf](http://www.eic-uk.co.uk/images/ScotConf_V21.pdf).

**Civils 2006: 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006, Olympia, London.** Envirolink Northwest will be at Civils 2006 in November. Birse Civils are major sponsors, with other Northwest companies joining Envirolink on the stand being WRS Composting and Biogenie. Envirolink welcome all to visit them, and their guest companies, on stand B26. For more information please contact Gill Nowell at [g.nowell@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk](mailto:g.nowell@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk).

For a full events list visit EIForum's events calendar. Visit [www.eiforum.org.uk](http://www.eiforum.org.uk) to register (free) and access the calendars for 2006 and 2007 under the 'News' tab.

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