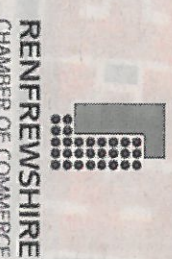


Business matters

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DIAGEO



DIAGEO have become a regular feature in this year's ROCCO awards, already being shortlisted for best environmental performance and for excellence in manufacturing.

So this, their third nomination in total, for outstanding performing business with more than 25 employees, is a testament to their commitment to demonstrating excellence and gaining recognition for their achievements.

Diageo is the world's leading premium drinks business with a collection of popular international brands across wine, spirits and beer.

They impressively sell eight of the world's top 20 premium spirits brands by volume.

And trading in approximately 180 markets, they employ over 20,000 people

DIAGEO

around the world. With offices in 80 countries, they also have man-

ufacturing facilities across the globe including Great Britain, Ireland, United States, Canada, Spain, Italy, Africa, Latin America, Australia, India and the Caribbean.

Diageo is still a relatively young company – having only existed in their current form since 1997 – but their brands and business have a rich heritage.

Colin Neill, Site Director, Diageo, Shieldhall said: "We are delighted to be nominated in the category for 'outstanding performing business over 25 employees'.

"This nomination is testament to our employees and reflects their achievements in 2010 and ongoing commitment in our journey to manufacturing excellence. "I am very proud of everyone's contribution."

HOWDEN GROUP



ALSO keen to triumph in the Outstanding Performing Business over 25 Employees category is the Howden Group based in Renfrew. Howden designs, engineers and supplies air and gas handling equipment, including industrial fans, process gas compressors and rotary heat exchangers.

Established over 150 years ago as an engineering firm, Howden has grown to become a worldwide organisation with nearly 3,800 employees and companies in 17 countries.

Their equipment may be found in virtually every industry but particularly in those such as in power generation, petrochemicals, mining, steelmaking and cement manufacture where the most arduous air and gas handling duties are to be found.

Howden have introduced many innovations, from the forced draught system and the invention of the diaphragm compressor to the commercialisation of the rotary heat exchanger and the screw compressor.

Their products are known

throughout the world for their high levels of performance, reliability and state-of-the-art technology.

At the core of the business lies Howden Technology, working at the forefront of engineering, and with unique expertise in aerodynamics, acoustics, stress and vibration analysis, and rotor dynamics. The Howden Group said: "We

are very pleased at being shortlisted for the ROCCO Award for Outstanding Performing Business with more than 25 employees.

"It gives recognition of the far reaching development of the company over recent years, and its growth globally to become a leader in the field of industrial air and gas handling."

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THE William Tracey Group in Linwood is one of the UK's leading recycling and resource management companies with a full range of environmental services.

The Group is hoping to follow on from its 2009 success at the Rocco Awards with this year's short listing in the Most Outstanding Business Performance category.

William Tracey has seen considerable growth and development since last year's awards with a number of new sites and services, opening the door to a greener future for Renfrewshire and it's surrounding areas. Perhaps the most significant

development has been the company's first venture into renewable energy, partnering with Scottish & Southern Energy to supply a service for food recycling which will see food waste recycled through a biogas process to create renewable energy and organic fertiliser.

In addition, the company has completed the installation of a new baling plant and picking line at the head office in Linwood and is set to launch a range of accredited aggregate products in the New Year.

The aggregates service will be delivered through the installation of a new washing plant which will process construction

waste, such as rubble and brick, into high spec aggregates to be used in the utilities and construction industry. As one of the UK's leading recycling and resource management companies, the William

Tracey Group is set to continue its ambitious growth plans by combining years of industry knowledge with the latest technology and legislation to bring zero waste to customers across the UK.

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THE ROCCOs have selected Eskine and Loud'n'Proud as the two main charities to benefit from this year's awards.

The Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce, who organise the annual business awards, have chosen the two local charities in recognition of their hard work, dedication and support for the people of Renfrewshire.

Eskine and Paisley-based youth project Loud'n'Proud were selected by the Chamber's board as they wanted to support one large high profile charity, alongside one smaller charity.

Both causes stand to raise a tremendous amount of much-needed cash and awareness for their good work at this month's ceremony at Renfrew's Normandy Hotel on Friday, November 12.

On the night a charity raffle will be held, with the 50 per cent of the proceeds being split between Eskine and Loud'n'Proud, and the remaining 50 per cent going directly to other local good causes.

Loud'n'Proud is a youth music charity, which has established itself as one of the country's leading organisations for the development of young musicians.



Alongside Loud'n'Proud, local and well-established charity, Eskine will also be given recognition in conjunction with the awards.

Eskine was chosen because it is not only a local charity, but it also has a much wider reach caring for ex-servicemen and their families across Scotland.

As Renfrewshire Council has already raised more than £10,000 for charity in the past year alone, organisers hope that this year's ROCCO Awards will be a huge success for all the charities involved.