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FOUR-STAR ECO PROMOTION FOR HAMBLESIDE DANELAW AND CHANCE TO REPRESENT UK IN EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS FOR A SECOND TIME

Hambleside Danelaw Ltd, the UK building products manufacturer with factories in Daventry and Inverness, has been elevated to Four-Star status within the Green Organisation, one of the world's leading environmental groups.

Membership is restricted to companies, councils and communities that can demonstrate the effective measures they have introduced for environmental benefit and Hambleside Danelaw Ltd was awarded the distinction of Four-Star status as a result of its increased activity and influence to the benefit of the environment.

Ray Khan of Hambleside Danelaw Ltd said: "We are delighted to have been promoted from Three-Star to Four-Star status on the strength of our continuing and increasing commitment to the environment."

A spokesman for The Green Organisation commented: "Hambleside Danelaw Ltd make a significant difference to the environment in their field of expertise and they are actively adopting measures that will continue to improve their environmental performance for generations to come".

"They will be able to use our distinctive green Apple logo on their literature, stationery and livery to identify themselves as a company that is trying to protect and enhance the environment. They will also have access to our library, receive Eco Echo publication and will be able to network with other companies that are doing their best for the environment."

As members of The Green Organisation, they will be helping the independent and non-profit group to continue their own environmental initiatives, including the publication of The Green Book – the annual environmental best practice Work of Reference. The Green Organisation has also organised successful appeals to help the tsunami orphans, Pakistan earthquake victims and it has sent tonnes of recycled clothing, kit and equipment to emerging nations.



The spokesman explained: "The Green Organisation is non-political and non-activist, dedicated to recognising, rewarding and promoting the positive aspects of environmental endeavour around the world.

"As part of the ongoing work, we organise the annual international Green Apple Environmental Awards for countries, companies, councils and communities. By publicising their efforts and successes, it encourages others to follow their good examples and realise the commercial and financial benefits that come from adopting environmentally-friendly practices.

Hambleside Danelaw Ltd is on track to represent the UK in the European Business Awards for the Environment, having achieved this honour once before in 2004.

The company has been notified that it is among the major winners in the green Apple Environmental Awards - one of the few accredited feeder schemes into the international campaign.

They will be presented with their Green Apple Award, their fourth, at the House of Commons later this year, when top winners have the chance to represent their country in the Brussels event.

They will also be invited to rejoin the National Green Heroes, an accolade they have held since 2007, an elite group of environmental achievers who use their experience to help thousands of others – and the environment – around the world.

The Green Apple Awards are now in their sixteenth year and attracted more than 500 nominations this year.

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Notes to editors

1. The Green Organisation

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2. About Hambleside Danelaw Ltd

Hambleside Danelaw Ltd (www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk) manufactures Glass Reinforced Polyester (GRP) rooflights and other roofing and ventilation products in Daventry and Inverness. As part of the Hambleside Danelaw Group with



headquarters in Waterlooville in Hampshire, its turnover is currently around £9 million a year and it employs approximately 70 people. The Group was established in 1975 with its first factory at Inverness for manufacturing GRP products becoming operational in 1978. In addition to winning numerous environmental awards, the factory has attained BS 14001:2004 in recognition of its environmental management systems and has now been independently assessed as carbon neutral. In 1992, the Group began producing in Daventry non-GRP products primarily for roof and cavity wall ventilation and in September 2007 it opened a new state-of-the-art facility in the East Midlands town. Hambleside Danelaw has recently achieved the BS EN ISO 18001:2007 standard.

In 2006, the Group won a Business Commitment to the Environment award, presented by David Cameron MP, as well as the Queen's Award for Enterprise: Innovation for its Insulator GRP thermally efficient rooflight. The Group has regularly won UK national Green Apple awards for Environmental Best Practice and it was recognised again in 2008 by The Green Organisation as 'Green Heroes'. Hambleside Danelaw has been awarded three Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) awards in five years in the medium sized companies' category. In 2007, the Group was accredited with the Planet Positive mark by leading carbon solutions company dcarbon8 (<http://dcarbon8.com/>) and it collected the Scottish Natural Heritage Award for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability. An independent audit by dcarbon8 found that Hambleside Danelaw reduced its carbon footprint at its two factories in 2007 by over 20%.

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