Hambleside Danelaw
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Runner-up spot for Hambleside Danelaw in national Green Supplier of the Year award

Hambleside Danelaw's market leading environmental credentials have just received a further boost with recognition from a leading building publication's awards panel.

The UK building products manufacturer with factories in Daventry and Inverness has been named as runner-up as Green Supplier of the Year in the Construction News Green Awards 2007. The awards recognise companies in the building industry who have done most to reduce the impact of their production process and improve the sustainability of their products.

As a Planet Positive™ manufacturer of plastic and fibreglass roofing products, Hambleside Danelaw is on track to achieve by the end of 2008 a reduction in its total landfill waste from 904 tonnes in 2001 to approximately 3 tonnes – the latter being equivalent to the waste of the average British household. This achievement should be measured against the fact that the Group is manufacturing circa 1.5 million square metres of roofing materials each year.

The Group has been measuring its production methods, energy, water and waste since 2001 and it has been able to show significant reductions on all of the original data.

Robin Jeffery, Hambleside Danelaw's vice chairman said: "This latest recognition of our efforts to be a leading edge company on environmental issues will help our lobbing of government to address more seriously the sustainability of commercial and public buildings. While the focus on zero-carbon housing has been welcome, we want to see that the measures in the Climate Change Bill for setting 'carbon budgets'

recognise the importance of the non-domestic market as well in achieving emission reduction targets."

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Notes to editors

1. About Hambleside Danelaw
Hambleside Danelaw Ltd (www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk) manufactures Glass Reinforced Polyester (GRP) rooflights and other roofing and ventilation products in Inverness and Daventry. As part of the Hambleside Danelaw Group with headquarters in Waterlooville in Hampshire, its turnover is currently in excess of £10 million a year and it employs almost 90 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 negative. In 1992, the company began producing in Daventry non-GRP products primarily for roof and cavity wall ventilation and it has recently moved into a new state-of-the-art facility in the East Midlands town.

In 2006, the Group won a Business Commitment to the Environment award, presented by David Cameron MP, as well as a Queen's Award for Enterprise: Innovation for its Insulator GRP thermally efficient rooflight. Last November, the Group won its third UK national Green Apple award for Environmental Best Practice before being recognised by The Green Organisation as 'Green Heroes'. This was followed by Hambleside Danelaw's third Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) award in five years in the medium sized companies' category and a Scottish Natural Heritage Award 2007 for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability at a Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI) Highlands and Islands awards ceremony. The Group has been accredited this year with the Planet Positive mark by leading carbon solutions company dcarbon8.