



ScotAsh strikes Gold in RoSPA safety awards

ScotAsh has won a Gold Award in the RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) Occupational Health & Safety Awards 2007.

Rose Hynd, ScotAsh's Quality, Health, Safety and Environment Manager, said: "ScotAsh is proud to be the winners of this prestigious Gold Award, especially as this is the first time the company has entered the awards.

"The RoSPA Achievement Awards include Merit, Bronze, Silver and Gold levels, so we're delighted that RoSPA have recognised our efforts with a Gold Award first time round."

David Rawlins, RoSPA Awards Manager, said: "ScotAsh has demonstrated how seriously they take health and safety and is a fine example to many other companies. We would like to see more organisations following ScotAsh's lead."

RoSPA Gold Award winners must demonstrate that they have excellent health and safety management systems, ranging from how they assess and manage risks to employee training.

ScotAsh achieved four years without a Lost Time Incident last November.

The company will be presented with their Gold Award at the RoSPA Scotland Congress in September.

IT'S A RECORD

ScotAsh achieved a record year in 2006/07, with product sales up by 53% on last year to 833,000 tonnes.

Sales of cementitious products were boosted during the year by contracts to supply the new Stirling-Alloa-Kincardine rail link, various new windfarms and the shaft isolation project at Dounreay, as well as several recycled roads projects.

Managing Director Peter Quinn said: "We are successfully diversifying our product base to include innovative materials that enable road excavation spoil to be stabilised and re-used instead of being dumped. This is having a positive effect on our turnover and it is also good for the environment.

"We have seen an upturn in the volume of products we are manufacturing under our

Product sales soar by 53% during 2006/07

toll blending agreement with Sika and demand for cements and grouts also grew during the year. Sales of non-cementitious products also grew by a significant margin."

The company achieved its record year despite difficulties with logistics for several weeks in early 2007 when the collapse of a coal conveyor at Longannet Power Station impeded access for delivery trucks.

Peter added: "My thanks go to our customers for their forbearance and continued support during that difficult period and to the entire team at ScotAsh for their contribution to our best year ever."



Bridge works:
Artist's impression
of new Kincardine
crossing

While bridge, wind and stabilisation projects give us a flying start to the new business year

ScotAsh is supplying products to several major new projects, *writes Sales & Business Development Manager Chris Bennett.*

Contracts include ScottishPower's Whitelee Windfarm which at 322MW will be the largest onshore windfarm in Europe.

The business will supply

15,000 tonnes of Trojan Cement between now and August 2008.

We are also supplying AMEC's 23MW Edinbane windfarm on Skye.

A significant volume of Trojan cement was used in the Lairig Eilde bridge replacement project at Glencoe and ScotAsh is

now supplying up to 40,000 tonnes of lightweight fill to the new Kincardine bridge.

Other projects include the supply of 40,000 tonnes of grout to stabilise limestone workings at Edinburgh's Pentland Retail Park and a ground stabilisation project for a new Tesco distribution centre in Bathgate.

RON APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN

ScottishPower's Ron Hunter has taken over as chairman of ScotAsh from Nigel Cooke of Lafarge Cement UK. The two parent companies rotate the role of chairman every two years.

Due to structural changes at ScottishPower Martin Sedgwick has left the board to focus on his new role as Head of Asset Management for Generation. Martin's successor on the board will be announced in due course.

We thank Martin for his service as a board member and wish him well in his new role.



Ron Hunter

KATRINA JOINS SCOTASH TEAM

ScotAsh is delighted to welcome our new Management Accountant, Katrina Manson, who joined the company in April from Castleview Management in Bridge of Allan.

Katrina, who has also worked at KPMG in Edinburgh and Macfarlane Gray in Stirling, will support Financial Controller Mike Southworth across ScotAsh's management accounting functions.

She said: "ScotAsh has achieved some great things recently and I'm delighted to join the company's small but very dynamic team."



Katrina Manson



Bright sparks: Peter Quinn, Ron Hunter, Karen Seivwright, Ian Chisholm, Ross McNicol, Nigel Cooke & Charles Law

CR REPORT IS PUBLISHED

ScotAsh's Corporate Responsibility Report for the calendar year 2006 was published in April.

The report is available on request in electronic format or hard copy and can be downloaded from our website at:

www.scotash.com.

Our new, revamped website is scheduled to go live at the end of May.

MD TO ATTEND TOP ECO EVENT

MD Peter Quinn will join the UK's leading cement and concrete industry executives at a two-day masterclass at the end of May, led by Jonathon Porritt, Chairman of the Sustainable Development Commission and founder of Forum for the Future.

Peter, who is Chairman of the UK Quality Ash Association, said: "This will be a seminal event attended by the most senior figures in the UK industry."

"The hope is that the event will produce a way forward for the cement and concrete industries to reduce their environmental impact in the long term."

"I am expecting a lively exchange of views over the two days."

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SURVEY ON THE WEB

A survey conducted in December shows that ScotAsh's customer service performance is broadly the same as in 2003, with solid performance across all areas from product quality and delivery to invoicing.

The management team would like to thank all customers who took part in the survey, which will be used to drive performance improvements.

A summary of the results will be published on our website www.scotash.com by the end of May.

All respondents were entered into a prize draw to win a mixed crate of wine. The lucky winner was Ian Menzies of Tillicoultry Quarries.

Staff's bright ideas help improve our processes

The winners of this year's Health, Safety, Environment and Quality Improvement Scheme have been announced.

This year's health and safety prize was won by Ross McNicol for his suggestion to add a reminder, on the back of job sheets, to carry out a STOP risk assessment before starting work.

Ross has been instrumental in implementing STOP risk assessments at ScotAsh.

The environmental prize went to Jim Donnelly (now in a new post at Aberthaw) for developing and implementing a solution to a problem with the tanker load out filter that will prevent fugitive dust emissions, while reducing maintenance and stock holding.

This year's quality prize went to Sales Administrator Karen Seivwright who identified a staggering 27 potential improvements in the customer, haulage and product areas and, in 68% of cases, implemented these herself. Well done to all the winners, who each received £100 in vouchers.

Two earn NVQs

Congratulations to team members Brian Wood (left) and Stuart Jackson. Both men were presented with Level 3 NVQ certificates in Warehousing, Distribution and Storage in February.

