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BCC and Barclays announce the national winner of the Business of the Year Award

Anthony Alan Foods Ltd, a member of Barnsley Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has been announced as the national winner of the Business of the Year Award at the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) Chamber Awards 2005. Anthony Alan Foods is a food production company which within its range of products, manufactures Weight Watchers cakes. The company won the Barclays-sponsored award for its commitment to product development and for the incredible financial success and market share achieved by the company. In the last four years the company has enjoyed a turnover growth rate of 7,600%. The judges also commented on the modern approach to manufacturing and excellent logistics that the company adopts.

Angela Potter, Head of International Trade & Cash Solutions at Barclays, said: "Anthony Alan Foods Ltd has displayed outstanding growth and profitability over a short period of time. This success has been driven from having a clear strategic direction and creating a clear scalable business model both now and in the future. It is a dream scenario for any small to medium enterprise to develop so rapidly and positively. The panel were unanimous in naming them as business of the year."

Tony Moloney, Managing Director of Anthony Alan Foods, commented: ""We believe that it's not the company that wins an award, but it's the people that have worked so hard to make the company such a success. Being recognised for their achievements at such a national level is going to create an immense 'buzz' within the business. When people are not only empowered but highly motivated then we believe that they can achieve anything. We have already

achieved much in only four years, winning this award will help us on our way to achieving much more in the next four.”

Anthony Alan Foods Ltd saw off competition from nine other finalists in this award category. More information on these finalists can be found in the regional winner press packs on www.chamberawards.co.uk.

BCC President Bill Midgley said: “To be selected as the national winner of the Business of the Year award takes something extra special. Anthony Alan Foods has demonstrated not only all-round excellence in their field but convinced the judges that it has smart strategies in place to drive future growth. It is an extremely impressive business.”

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Notes to Editors:

- The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) is the authentic voice of British businesses.
- The BCC sits at the heart of a powerful nationwide network of Accredited Chambers of Commerce serving business across the UK, which employ over five million people.
- Anthony Alan Foods Ltd also won the overall award for Outstanding Business Achievement and was presented with a cheque for £25,000.
- More information on each of the different categories and winners can be found on the Chamber Awards web site – www.chamberawards.co.uk. Photographs taken at the award ceremony can also be viewed and downloaded from this website