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British Chambers of Commerce announces winners of Chamber Awards 2008 in Wales

The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) and Royal Bank of Scotland today announce the regional winners of the Chamber Awards 2008 in Wales. Now in its 5th year the Chamber Awards were developed to recognise outstanding business achievement within the UK business community.

There are eight different categories of awards nationally and businesses were permitted to enter as many as they wished. The award categories and winners for Wales are detailed below.

| Award | Sponsor | Chamber and PR Contact | Winner / Location | Nature of Business |
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| Achievement in International Business | Royal Bank of Scotland | Newport and Gwent Tracy Gifford 01633 242748 tracey.gifford@centreforbusiness.co.uk | Industrial Automation and Control Ltd Newport | Manufacturing |
| Most Promising New Business | BT | Newport and Gwent Tracy Gifford 01633 242748 tracey.gifford@centreforbusiness.co.uk | Mazuma UK Ltd Cardiff | Accountancy |
| Award for Innovation Through Technology | Dell | Newport and Gwent Tracy Gifford 01633 242748 tracey.gifford@centreforbusiness.co.uk | Marda Associates Ltd Newport | IT/ Software |
| Excellence in Customer Service | AXA PPP | Newport and Gwent Tracy Gifford 01633 242748 | Mazuma UK Ltd Cardiff | Accountancy |

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| Business of the Year | Blackberry | Newport and Gwent Tracy Gifford 01633 242748 tracey.gifford@centreforbusiness.co.uk | Industrial Automation and Control Ltd Newport | Manufacturing |
| Excellence in People Development | Train to Gain | Newport and Gwent Tracy Gifford 01633 242748 tracey.gifford@centreforbusiness.co.uk | Industrial Automation and Control Ltd Newport | Manufacturing |
| Entrepreneur of the Year | Staples | Newport and Gwent Tracy Gifford 01633 242748 tracey.gifford@centreforbusiness.co.uk | James Norvill (GD Environmental Services) Newport | Waste Disposal / Environmental Services |
| The Green Award | Westfield Health | Newport and Gwent Tracy Gifford 01633 242748 tracey.gifford@centreforbusiness.co.uk | GD Environmental Services Newport | Waste Disposal / Environmental Services |

NB: For more information on each of the different award categories and winners please contact relevant Chamber PR contact as detailed in the table above.

Neville Reyner, President of the BCC, said:

“The Chamber Awards are a widely regarded as a highlight in the business calendar nationally and regionally and rightly so. Every year the Awards inspire us all with the quality and strength of Britain’s best businesses. The winners represent the pinnacle of achievement in business. They serve to inspire those of us that have been in business for years and those embarking on the adventure of setting up their own company.”

Each of the regional winners receives a certificate and they will all now go through to the national round of judging and the chance to win the top prize of **£50,000 courtesy of Royal Bank of Scotland**. This prize will be awarded to the company that the judges agree should win the overall Award for Outstanding Business Achievement. Last year this was won by Tyrrells Potato Chips Ltd. The judges remarked on the way the company approached the green issue in such an ambitious way. They introduced reed beds for waste water and extensive recycling and energy

reduction measures. They have also provided nesting for wildlife on their land. Tyrrells has its own production of organic potatoes and rapeseed oil, and has therefore reduced its transport needs.

Andrew James, Regional Director, NatWest and RBS Business Banking Wales added;

“The contribution made to our regional and national economy by companies like those that have entered the awards this year is an inspiration to everyone in business. Now more than ever, we should applaud the energy, commitment and results of these great British businesses. We wish all the winners the best of luck in the national judging.”

The National Winners of the Chamber Awards 2008 will be announced at a Gala Dinner at the Natural History Museum in London on the 27th November 2008.

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Notes to the 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.