

North East Business Award Winners

Winners – SCA Prudhoe Mill

The Journal & Evening Gazette North East Business Awards, in association with Business Link, are now well established amongst the most respected and recognised awards in the region; and the search is now on for North East companies with something to shout about for the year 2007.

Last year, more than 320 companies entered the Awards and well over 2,000 people attended one of the celebratory dinners

The winners of the Tyneside and Northumberland heat of the 2007 North East Business Awards were formally announced at a ceremony at the Marriott Hotel Gosforth Park on the 28th February

The Mill was short listed with some very stiff competition for the Environmental Award

Merck Sharp & Dohme Ltd, Cramlington
Northumberland Wildlife Trust, Gosforth
SCA Hygiene Products, Prudhoe

Thanks to the hard work of the Prudhoe Mill teams (which has resulted in continual environmental improvements) the Mill entered **AND TRIUMPHED** in the Environmental Management section of the above awards.

Under the guidance of Jim Smith, Environmental Leader Prudhoe Mill a paper was prepared detailing the environmental improvements made last year, this was followed with a Mill visit by the judges to see the Mill for themselves

Purpose of competition

To recognise outstanding performance in environmental management.

Judging criteria

The judges awarded merit for:

- Minimising the environmental impact of their operations through a reduction in emissions (liquid, solid and gas).
- Reducing the long-term environmental impact of the product through design, innovation and manufacturing techniques.
- Re-use and recycling initiatives of waste and raw materials including supply chain initiatives and waste exchange.
- Initiatives in partnership with the local community, including education either at community or company level.
- Contribution to the overall well-being of the community, its environment and general quality of life.

Environmental projects which contribute to the economic regeneration of the region.
Projects that can demonstrate long-term sustainability or improvements to bio diversity.

A Team representing all areas of Prudhoe Mill attended the award dinner where Jim picked up the award on behalf of SCA Hygiene Products. I will forward photo's of the evening once we have them.

Mill representatives:

Tony Richards – Mill Manager

Jim Smith – Environment

Farrey Michael; - Engineering

Jim Sibbald – Logistics

Robin Davidson - Unifibres

Andrew Hall – P.2

Palmer Craig; - P.1

Stephen Lowdon - Logisitics

Alison Rishworth – HR

Stew Begg – Invited guest