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The British Renewable Energy Awards 2008

The renewable energy industry celebrated the third year of the annual British Renewable Energy Awards, recognising achievement in the UK renewable energy industry, at the Café Royal on Regents Street last week.

The REA Gala dinner, once again hosted by the BBC journalist Sarah Mukherjee, saw Marks and Spencer walk away with the BREAA Pioneer Award for leading the way in the promotion of renewable technologies and sustainable company ethics.

Renewable Energy Systems low carbon Headquarters helped them snag the Advocate award, while ENERGOS took the Developer award for the soon-to-be-completed green energy from waste plant on the Isle of Wight.

Richard Soper of Worcester Bosch was named the individual Champion of 2008 for his outstanding achievement and personal commitment to the promotion and practical demonstration of renewable energy technologies.

REA's Chief Executive Philip Wolfe commented;

"These awards honor outstanding achievement in the British renewable energy sector and act as recognition of exceptional contribution, innovation and excellence in the industry. The considerable number of high-quality nominees displays the scope of talent and originality that exists within this industry."

Following the presentation the Gala dinner guests were treated to entertainment from UK comedian Bill Bailey.

Other Award winners included:

The Installer award was presented to Riomay for its large solar thermal development at Arsenal's old Highbury ground. The Innovation Award was taken by Natural Power for its laser anemometer which can measure wind speeds at various heights from ground level. Kirkburton Parish Council received the Region award for the implementation of a policy to promote microgeneration and energy conservation and Good Energy walked away with the Company award for the provision of green energy to consumers and the company's long term commitment to providing solutions to climate change.

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Notes for Editors

1. The Renewable Energy Association is the UK's largest renewables industry association with over 520 members, including all the major UK energy companies and many independent renewables producers. The Association is active across the full range of renewable energy technologies and applications.
2. The REA Gala awards dinner was held in the Empire Napoleon room in the Café Royal on 19th June 2008. For a full list of winners, runners-up, and short-listed nominees please visit www.r-e-a.net

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