

Green business group celebrates 200th member

Just over 18 months after establishing a membership scheme to encourage Scottish companies to improve their environmental management, the Business Environment Partnership (BEP) has welcomed its 200th member.

To mark the milestone, BEP Communications Manager Jo Paulson presented a certificate and bottle of champagne to Julie Macfarlane, Quality Manager of Karl Storz Endoscopy (UK) Ltd at its offices near Ninewells Hospital in Dundee.

Coincidentally the Business Environment Partnership, a not-for-profit organisation which provides free and subsidised assistance to small and medium-sized businesses, opened an office in Dundee earlier this year to serve Tayside, Angus and NE Scotland.

“We joined BEP after it was personally recommended to us by another firm. It’s very useful to have an organisation which can provide a wide range of information and advice on improving our environmental performance,” Julie Macfarlane said.

Karl Storz Endoscopy (UK) Ltd, which has more than 20 staff in Dundee, manufactures, supplies and services endoscopic surgical equipment.

“One of our objectives is to make all staff passionate about reducing energy consumption and making as significant a contribution as possible to protecting the environment. This can also help us cut costs,” Macfarlane added.

Jo Paulson said: “The BEP is delighted that its membership drive has been so successful so quickly. It is a major achievement to have gained more than 200 members already and reflects a keen and growing enthusiasm among Scottish businesses to adopt best practice in environmental management.”

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