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British Gypsum Scoops Top Accolade for Green Deal Training Programme

British Gypsum has been awarded a prestigious accolade for its Green Deal training package for installers. The leading plaster, plasterboard and drylining manufacturer scooped the top prize in the Excellence in Retrofit Training category at this year's Retro Expo awards.

The Retro Expo Awards, held at the Business Design Centre, London, celebrates excellence in all stages of the retrofit process and the shortlist included businesses and projects from across the UK.

British Gypsum, part of the Saint-Gobain group, impressed judges with its Green Deal training scheme – a five-day intensive course, created in partnership with the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) which leads to NVQ Level 2 Building Insulation Treatments- Internal Wall Insulation.

The training is designed to aid tradespeople in maximising their understanding of and skills in the installation of Internal Wall Insulation (IWI) systems to enhance building insulation and energy efficiency.

The course is delivered to installers by British Gypsum's dedicated Technical Academy Team through the UK-wide network of Saint-Gobain Technical Academies.

Dave Hall, Technical Academy Manager at British Gypsum, said: "For more than 40 years British Gypsum has been dedicated to providing comprehensive training to installers and merchants, as well as apprenticeship schemes. As part of this commitment, and in recognition of the new business opportunities that the Green Deal presents for our customers, we proactively created a support package to help installers make the most of the scheme and arm them with the knowledge to provide a first-class service for their customers.

"Offering training to the industry has always been a focus of ours so to be awarded the accolade for our Green Deal course is a great achievement and one that we're very proud of."

The Retro Expo Excellence in Retrofit Training Award 2013 comes just weeks after British Gypsum was awarded Training Initiative of the Year at the Association of Interior Specialists Best Practice Awards 2013.

For more information about the training courses on offer from British Gypsum, please visit <u>www.british-gypsum.com</u>

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