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Crown Paints announced as a Lloyds Bank National Business Awards Finalist

Crown Paints has been shortlisted for the The Grichan Partnerships Sustainable Business Award in the 2015 Lloyds Bank National Business Awards.

Going up against other finalists, Crown Paints will compete for the prestigious award, with the winner being revealed at the Lloyds Bank National Business Awards gala dinner held on 10 November at Park Lane's Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

Joe Devitt, Chief Executive of Crown Paints, said: "We are delighted to be shortlisted for this prestigious award.

"We feel it's a great achievement, which recognises the importance we, as a team, place on sustainability across the entire business."

The company, which has been manufacturing paint in the UK for more than 200 years, has more than 1,250 employees. It has its headquarters in Darwen, Lancashire and a further manufacturing site in Hull, as well as a network of more than 130 Crown Decorating Centres operating across the UK and Ireland.

An all encompassing range of industries are represented in the shortlists for this year's awards, with companies from recruitment and children's clothing, to pet food and online marketing being selected for the chance to win a coveted Lloyds Bank National Business Award. The scale of the finalists is just as varied, with companies turning over less than a million pounds to over £25 million, employing 20 people or over 70,000 people.

Tom Broughton, Programme Director of the National Business Awards, said: "The quality and range of this year's entries exceed even those of last year, which is no mean feat. The draw of being involved with the Lloyds Bank National Business Awards has seen companies from all kinds of industries submit applications, which have been narrowed down using our thorough and comprehensive scoring system. We are now looking forward to the next step in the judging process and meeting some of the finalists face-to-face."

Finalists were chosen from the hundreds of businesses that entered or were nominated across 18 award categories. They will now prepare for live presentations to expert judges who will decide the overall winners that will be revealed at the awards ceremony on 10 November.

Visit <u>www.nationalbusinessawards.co.uk</u> for a full list of all finalists or for details on how to attend the event.

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