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EnviroVent Prepares to Roll out the Red Carpet

Employees to share in firm's outstanding business achievement

Harrogate based manufacturer EnviroVent is to receive a Royal visit on 25th September 2009 when the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Lord Crathorne will visit the firm's premises at Hornbeam Business Park, to present the company with a Queen's Award for Enterprise for its outstanding business success.

EnviroVent won its Queen's Award in the Innovation category in April this year. The firm specialises in the manufacture of low energy, sustainable domestic ventilation solutions and was commended for the design, development and manufacture of the EnviroVent Filterless Extractor Fan.

EnviroVent is one of the most innovative and dynamic companies in the area with a growing team of 145. Originally established by Frank Farmer in 1997 as a specialist producer of condensation control units, the business has built up a reputation as an innovator for improving indoor air quality through its acclaimed Lifetime Range[®] of sustainable ventilation products. All products are produced at the Harrogate factory and the use of eco-technology had brought a revolutionary dimension to the rather staid world of domestic ventilation.

During the recession of the last 2 years EnviroVent has increased its turnover by 68% resulting in 60 new jobs. The company continues to invest in the design and development of new products and is on target to achieve a 20 million pound turnover by 2010.

At the presentation ceremony, EnviroVent will be presented with a crystal bowl engraved with The Queen's Awards Emblem as a symbol of its success. The company is now also entitled to use this Emblem in all its marketing and on packaging for the next five years, here and abroad.

Managing Director Nick Heaton comments: "The Queen's Award for Enterprise is the UK's highest honour for business success equivalent to a company knighthood, so we're extremely proud to have achieved this Royal standard of excellence. Marketing Manager Rebecca Marczak added: "The presentation ceremony will be a wonderful opportunity to share this achievement with everyone connected to our business. These are very worthwhile Awards – I'd recommend them to any business which can prove it is amongst the best in its field."

The Queen's Awards for Enterprise exist to champion the UK's most enterprising, creative and sustainable organisations – from all business sectors. Applications for the 2010 Awards are now being invited. Companies can apply for an Award in three categories – International Trade, Innovation or Sustainable Development. It costs nothing to enter, and The Awards are open to any UK-based business with two or more employees. For more information, visit <http://www.queensawards.org.uk>

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Notes to Editors

EnviroVent manufactures low-energy, sustainable domestic ventilation equipment designed to improve indoor air quality and to eliminate condensation and black mould which now affects one in five properties in Great Britain. It designs and manufactures all products at its Harrogate base and supplies predominantly to the social housing sector, selling to more than 400 housing associations and regeneration bodies.

Originally established by Frank Farmer in 1987 as a specialist producer of condensation control units, the business has amassed a powerful track record and reputation due to the environmental benefits, innovative design and performance of its products. A 'champion' of improving air quality, established in 1997, the company became a plc in 1998. In August 2007, EnviroVent became an integral part of the Soler and Palau Group, a world leader in ventilation, following a management buy-out led by current MD Nick Heaton.

About The Queen's Awards:

1. The Queen's Awards for Enterprise are the UK's most prestigious Awards for business success. There are four categories of Queen's Awards – three for business success (International Trade, Innovation and Sustainable Development) and one for individual achievement in encouraging enterprise and entrepreneurship in the UK. Companies apply for the Business Awards, but individuals must be nominated for The QAEP.
2. In April 2009, 194 business Awards were bestowed in the business categories of The Queen's Awards for Enterprise 2009. 135 companies won Awards for International Trade, 49 for Innovation and 10 for Sustainable Development. In addition, 11 individuals received The Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion (QAEP)
3. The Queen's Awards were originally established in 1966, when they were known as The Queen's Awards to Industry. In 1976 they were replaced by two separate Awards – 'The Queen's Award for Export Achievement' and 'The Queen's Award for Technological Achievement'. A third Award was added in 1994 – 'The Queen's Awards for Environmental Achievement'. In 2000, the Awards were renamed The Queen's Awards for Enterprise, and the three categories changed to International Trade, Innovation and Sustainable Development. The Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion was added in 2004.