

Press Release



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BIOGEN Short Listed for National Awards

Staff at Bedfordia Group are celebrating news that BIOGEN, part of the company's Eco-technology sector, have been short listed for the 'British Renewable Energy Innovation Award.'

Out of a total of 132 entries, BIOGEN is one of only ten companies to be shortlisted for these national prestigious awards to honour achievements in the renewable energy field in the UK.

BIOGEN promotes an environmentally beneficial technology which converts food-chain waste into 'green' energy. The BIOGEN plant at Twinwoods, just north of Bedford uses pig slurry (waste) from Bedfordia's own pig herd and food waste to produce electricity and a nitrogen rich organic bio-fertiliser.

In just one year the plant can process 12,000 tonnes of pig slurry and 30,000 tonnes of food waste, sufficient to continually power up to 1,000 homes. BIOGEN plan to develop a network of plants throughout the UK.

Commenting on the award Andrew Needham, Managing Director of BIOGEN said, "This is tremendous recognition of the work we are doing, proving that carbon neutral, food waste recycling plants can play a significant role in the renewable energy cycle."

BIOGEN will learn if they have scooped top prize at the British Renewable Energy Awards ceremony taking place at London's Savoy Hotel on 21st June.

Notes to Editors:

Biogen is part of the eco-technology sector of the Bedfordia Group. BIOGEN's plant processes pig slurry and food chain waste to produce electricity and bio-fertiliser. It is the first in a network of green power, carbon neutral, food recycling plants planned across the country and was the winner of an environmental business award in 2006.

Biogen receives food chain waste from local waste recycling firm F& R Cawley. The food waste is collected from local food manufacturers and supermarkets then delivered to the plant in Milton Ernest. The plant can take in 30,000 tonnes of food waste per year.

Bedfordia Group operates within four market sectors: Agriculture, Automotive retailing, Property Investment and Development and Eco-technology. Bedfordia Group has its headquarters in Milton Ernest, Bedfordshire and employs over 325 people over four sites in Bedford, Cambridge and Bishop's Stortford.

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