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South Wales businesses win top awards

The South Wales Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the seven winners at the 9th Chambers of Commerce Business Awards, in partnership with the Western Mail.

- Professional Driver Services wins the Award for Innovation Through Technology sponsored by Danwood Wales.

Vale of Glamorgan based PDS is a primarily a driver training organisation involved in all areas of driver training including Government backed re-educational courses, risk management consultancy and eco-friendly driver training for businesses, minibus training for schools and the supply of driver related software which has revolutionised administration solutions for many Local Authorities.

Director of PDS Kath Bevan said: “Winning this award is a testament not only to the software we have created but also the talented team of people we employ at PDS. The development and implementation of Atlas has placed us at the cutting edge of the industry’s administration procedures and we are delighted that this award recognises the

continuous hard work and efforts of all our staff who have helped make Atlas a success.”

- Industrial Automotion and Control Ltd (IAC) wins the Award for Achievement in International Business sponsored by Freshwater-Uk.

Newport based IAC is the UK's leading independent systems integrator operating world wide designing and building electrical control systems for industry. In addition to systems integration and control panel manufacture, IAC also has a 24/7 service response team satisfying local breakdown cover in over 25 local manufacturing companies, and a CCTV division offering security systems worldwide. IAC now has two companies based in South Africa, including the latest acquisition of a panel manufacturing facility in Benoni, Gauteng.

- Nathan Bowles from Smart Solutions Recruitment wins the Award for Entrepreneur of the Year supported by Flexible Support for Business.

Pontypool based Smart Solutions Recruitment is a recruitment agency, providing temporary and permanent staff. It specialises in several sectors including waste & recycling, food manufacture and call centres. It also offers generalist recruitment, operating from high-street offices in towns across Wales and the UK.

- Green Light Products Ltd wins the Award for Go Green, sponsored by Carbon Trust

Cardiff based Green Light Products Ltd develops and manufactures environmentally sustainable protective packaging. Recently re-located to Cardiff, the company is a market leader in biodegradable packaging and exports its products all over the World.

- Arriva Trains Wales wins the Award for Excellence in Marketing sponsored by Zeffa Ltd.

Cardiff Based, Arriva Trains Wales (ATW) is one of 26 rail companies in the UK, providing passenger rail services for Wales and the Border Regions. ATW operates a fleet of 125 trains, running 955 services per day. Over 26million passenger journeys take place on our network each year.

Vanessa Schotes, Head of Marketing of Arriva Trains Wales, commented: “We are thrilled to have been presented with this award. It is a testament to the team’s hard work and dedication to winning more and more people over to ‘loving and traveling by train”.

- Rollspack UK Ltd wins the Award for Most Promising New Business sponsored by Go Compare.

Operating the only Class 10,000 Pharmaceutical Grade Clean Room of its type in Western Europe, Merthyr Tydfil based Rollspack manufacture wipe products for the Healthcare, Personal Care, Domestic Cleaning and Catering industries.

They are the supplier of choice for premium products and in light of their recent accreditations (ISO9001, ISO13485, BRC); they are head and shoulders above any competition within the industry.

- Abriox Limited wins the prestigious Award for Welsh Company of the Year sponsored by Admiral.

Newport based Abriox Limited is a high-technology engineering company. They design and develop monitoring systems comprising electronics, communications and software. Pipeline operators are our customers, mainly within the oil & gas sector. Their MERLIN system monitors levels of protection against corrosion, helping to maximise the operating lifetime of pipelines and improve safety.

Neil Summers, Managing Director of Abriox Limited, said: “Abriox has grown quickly from a high-tech start-up to a multi-million pound engineering business, working with major oil and gas companies. We are delighted to win the ‘Welsh Company of the Year’ award, which recognises all the hard work put in by our staff in the UK and US”.

The Business Awards Dinner held at the Mecure Holland House Hotel, last week, drew the 9th annual Chambers of Commerce Business Week, sponsored by the University of Glamorgan Business School, to a close.

Professor Brian Hobbs, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research at the University commented, “Last Friday’s awards proved that Wales is a nation of talented people. The businesses who were nominated, and who have won, show what a diversity we have of entrepreneurial flair and business talent. The fact that one of the finalists, Rumm, is a university spin out business gives us enormous satisfaction.

“Our links with the world of industry and commerce are extremely important to us and we were therefore proud to sponsor the Chambers of Commerce Business Week. It has been a tremendous success.”

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Notes for editors

Caption for photograph (from left to right)

Nathan Bowles, Smart Solutions Recruitment winning Entrepreneur of the Year; Bruce Yeo and Karl Yeo, Green Light Products Ltd winning the Go Green Award; Kath Lewis from IAC winning Achievement in International Trade; Graham Morgan on behalf of Rollspack UK Ltd winning Most Promising New Business; Jason Hanlon from Abriox Ltd, winning Welsh Company of the Year; Mike Bagshaw and Katrina Tzannis from Arriva Trains Wales, winning Excellence in Marketing and Kath Bevan and Stephen Davies from Professional Driver Services Ltd (PDS) for winning Innovation Through Technology.

The South Wales Chamber of Commerce is the ultimate business network pan South Wales and exists to provide a regional voice and offer support to businesses pan South Wales.

Since merging with the West Wales Chamber of Commerce, the South Wales Chamber of Commerce now represents over 1000 businesses and 100,000 employees.

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