

Environmental Awards Scheme

2008

Recognising Environmental Sustainability in the Aggregates and Quarry Products Industry

The Quarry Products Association NI would like to invite you to apply to the Environmental Awards Scheme 2008 promoting good practice and awareness of environmental and sustainability issues within the quarry products industry.



ARE YOU doing something that benefits the environment?
DO YOU deserve recognition for your environmental endeavours?
IF SO, you should apply to the Environmental Awards Scheme

The Awards are open to members of the Quarry Products Association NI and companies Associated with the Institute of Quarrying and Concrete Society.

The winning entries will be honored at a presentation awards ceremony during our annual Environmental Conference in September 2008.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:

30th June 2008

QPA
Northern Ireland
Providing Essential Materials

How to enter

This year's award categories are based on four key environmental issues and sustainability themes;

Entries are invited from aggregate and quarry products companies that can demonstrate that they are making an effort to have a beneficial effect on the environment and/ or that they embodying the principles of sustainable development into its everyday operations.

QPANI Environmental Award Categories 2008

- ◆ Environmental Project of the Year
- ◆ Carbon Reduction Plan of the Year
- ◆ Best Pollution Prevention Initiative
- ◆ Corporate Social Responsibility

You can enter one or more categories by means of written submission telling us how your work satisfies and why you merit the award. In particular, please tell us:

- **Environmental benefit;** does the entry identify clear environmental benefits— *Why did you do it? who and what has benefited?*
- **Innovation;** *does the entry demonstrate new/novel solutions to existing problems?*
- **Commitment;** *has the project or plan been led by senior personnel; how have staff demonstrated their commitment?*
- **Social benefits;** *how have your staff and/or local communities benefited?*
- **Economic** cost and benefit; *what did it cost and has there been any economic benefits to the company?*
- **Quantitative evidence** of impact; *can you measure any of the environmental benefits; are the benefits long term?*
- **Future further development plans;** *how do you intend to build on your success and what have you learned from your experience?*
- **Possible adoption by others;** *can other companies benefit from implementing your methods?*

Each entry can only be examined on the quality of submission. Entries will be shortlisted to the top three and relevant companies will be notified prior to the QPANI Environmental Conference 2008. All winners will remain confidential until the awards ceremony.

Rules

Your submission must be substantially completed at the time of entry or have been completed within the past two years.

Your submission should not have won a QPANI Award before.

There are no limits to the number of categories a company can enter; please complete an entry for each submission.

Award Categories



Environmental Project of the Year

This award will be presented to the company that has implemented a project or a plan dedicated to environmental issues. Recycling; waste minimisation; protecting and enhancing site's biodiversity; habitat restoration; species conservation.

Carbon Reduction Plan of the Year

This award will be presented to the company that can demonstrate through the implementation of a programme or policy for the reduction of energy usage; cutting emissions to the environment; increased environmental efficiency; commitment to the use of renewable energy sources.



Best Pollution Prevention Initiative

Pollution prevention pays and this award will be presented to the company who can demonstrate a new/ novel solution to pollution prevention to air, land or water. Include how you have communicated to your employees pollution incident response plans i.e. procedures in place and training initiatives.

Corporate Social Responsibility

The judges for this award will be looking for the organisation that can best demonstrate commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). You should show clear evidence of a CSR strategy with examples of policies or projects that positively impact on the local community in terms of the environment, local employment, local education or charitable work. Tell us about social progress within your company; how you aim to improve the image and perception of your operation and any community or public engagement events.



Entry Conditions

Please complete an entry form for each category and submit along with:

- i. Introduction to your company and site(s) (up to 500 words)
- ii. A written submission (up to 800 words) detailing the project, including your aims and achievements informing us why you should win this award.
- iii. You can also submit supporting material of up to five pages, including photographs, literature or brochures.

Send all to QPANI by 30th June 2008.

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Entry Form

Company Name:

Site Name (if applicable):

Address:

Telephone Number:

Contact Name:

Person Making Entry: -

Job Title:

Signature:

Category (s) entered:

Environmental Project of the Year

Company with more than 10 employees

Carbon Reduction Plan of the Year

Best Pollution Prevention Initiative

Company with less than 10 employees

Corporate Social Responsibility

Endorsement by Senior Director:

The contents of the entry reflect an accurate assessment of the project/ innovation they refer to.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

All entries to be returned by 30th June 2008 to:

Regional Director
Quarry Products Association NI
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