



Hambleside Danelaw Ltd
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Hambleside Danelaw achieves BSI health and safety standard

Award-winning roofing products manufacturer Hambleside Danelaw has again demonstrated commitment to its staff's well-being by seeking to provide them with the safest possible working conditions in the building industry.

At the company's Daventry factory this week, Mr Colin Rushmere of BSI Management Systems presented Hambleside Danelaw with a new BS OHSAS 18001 certificate. This shows that the company has an occupational health and safety management system that promotes a safe and healthy working environment by providing a framework that allows the organisation to consistently identify and control its health and safety risks, reduce the potential for accidents, aid legislative compliance and improve overall performance.

The standard has been updated to BS OHSAS 18001:2007 to parallel ISO 14001 and ISO 9000 for more consistency and to enable easier integration of environment, quality and health and safety management systems into one.

Hambleside Danelaw has already achieved ISO 14001 and ISO 9001 and it can therefore demonstrate the highest integrated standards at both Daventry and at its other factory in Inverness. The company manufactures roofing, rooflights and ventilation products that lead the market in terms of all-round sustainability and energy efficiency.

Ray Khan, Hambleside's quality, safety & environment manager, who was heralded recently as a green products guru by a leading building magazine, said: "We are delighted that BSI has recognised that we have put in place health and safety systems which meet the best standards for our staff. For us, BS OHSAS 18001 is the definitive health and safety management standard and Hambleside has found its practical integration with the quality and environmental standards very advantageous to the interests of the business."

Hambleside Danelaw's policy of continual improvement means that its next goal is to achieve BES 6001, the BRE standard for the responsible sourcing of construction products. Adding this to its Planet Positive recognition should give specifiers and contractors even greater confidence in choosing the company's products to help construct the UK's most sustainable buildings.

Hambleside Danelaw will be launching four new innovative and sustainable products at Ecobuild (www.ecobuild.co.uk) in London on 3-5 March 2009

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Notes to editors

1. About BSI Management Systems

BSI Management Systems is one of the world's largest certification bodies, with over 60,000 certified locations and clients in more than 100 countries. Operating through a global network, BSI Management Systems provides assessment, certification and training services in all critical areas of management disciplines including:

- Business continuity
- Environment
- Food safety
- Health & safety
- Information security
- Integrated management
- Quality
- Social accountability
- Sustainable development

Specific information about the 1800 standards for occupational health and safety can be found at: <http://www.bsi-global.com/en/Standards-and-Publications/Industry-Sectors/Health-and-Safety/Occupational-health-and-safety/18000-series/> .

2. About Hambleside Danelaw Ltd

Hambleside Danelaw Ltd (www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk) manufactures Glass Reinforced Polyester (GRP) rooflights and other roofing and ventilation products in Daventry and Inverness. As part of the Hambleside Danelaw Group with headquarters in Waterlooville in Hampshire, its turnover is currently around £9 million a year and it employs approximately 70 people. The Group was established in 1975 with its first factory at Inverness for manufacturing GRP products becoming operational in 1978. In addition to winning numerous environmental awards, the factory has attained BS 14001:2004 in recognition of its environmental management systems and has now been independently assessed as carbon neutral. In 1992, the Group began producing in Daventry non-GRP products primarily for roof and cavity wall ventilation and in September 2007 it opened a new state-of-the-art facility in the East Midlands town. Hambleside Danelaw has recently achieved the BS EN ISO 18001:2007 standard.

In 2006, the Group won a Business Commitment to the Environment award, presented by David Cameron MP, as well as the Queen's Award for Enterprise: Innovation for its Insulator GRP thermally efficient rooflight. The Group has regularly won UK national Green Apple awards for Environmental Best Practice and it was recognised again in 2008 by The Green Organisation as 'Green Heroes'. Hambleside Danelaw has been awarded three Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) awards in five years in the medium sized companies' category. In 2007, the Group was accredited with the Planet Positive mark by leading carbon solutions company dcarbon8 (<http://dcarbon8.com/>) and it collected the Scottish Natural Heritage Award for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability. An independent audit by dcarbon8 found that Hambleside Danelaw reduced its carbon footprint at its two factories in 2007 by over 20%.