



Hambleside Danelaw Ltd
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Hambleside Danelaw's carbon offsets benefit sustainable land use in Uganda

Environmental award-winning building products manufacturer, Hambleside Danelaw, has been presented with a Plan Vivo certificate in recognition of the carbon offset payments that it has made into a plantation and forestry project for farmers in south-west Uganda.

Carbon offset is an important, but only one, aspect of a comprehensive environment strategy operated by Hambleside Danelaw which involves the careful design and selection of raw materials for its energy-efficient products to ensure an extended service life, coupled with the recycling of production waste. Landfill waste is expected to be no more than 3 tonnes by the end of 2008, having stood at 900 tonnes per annum in 2001.

Hambleside's Plan Vivo certificate resulted from its offsetting of 1,217 tonnes of CO₂ last year. A payment by the Group through the BR&D Plan Vivo scheme contributed to an Ecotrust project in the Bushenyi district of Uganda. The project works with established groups of farmers to plan agroforestry and small scale plantations, helping diversify farm incomes and allow controlled access to fuelwood and building materials. The project has been operating successfully since 2003.

Commenting on the award of the Plan Vivo certificate, Hambleside's environment manager Ray Khan said: "This certificate is a further symbol of our belief that environmental policies are good for business, improve customer relationships and provide far more reaching socio-economic benefits.

"The Plan Vivo project attracted Hambleside Danelaw because as well as making a contribution to biodiversity conservation, it is reducing poverty and helping to sustain livelihoods through sustainable agriculture and micro-enterprises."

Hambleside Danelaw is also a member of dcarbon8 which encourages clients and end-users in the commercial property market to choose building materials that will help to achieve a sustainable, economical and responsible method of reducing carbon emissions.

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1. About Plan Vivo

More information about Plan Vivo is available at:
<http://www.planvivo.org/fx.planvivo/scheme/default.aspx> .

2. About Hambleside Danelaw

Hambleside Danelaw Ltd (www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk) manufactures Glass Reinforced Polyester (GRP) rooflights and other roofing and ventilation products in Inverness and Daventry. As part of the Hambleside Danelaw Group with headquarters in Waterlooville in Hampshire, its turnover is currently in excess of £10 million a year and it employs almost 90 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 negative. In 1992, the company began producing in Daventry non-GRP products primarily for roof and cavity wall ventilation and last year it moved into a new state-of-the-art facility in the East Midlands town.

In 2006, the Group won a Business Commitment to the Environment award, presented by David Cameron MP, as well as a Queen's Award for Enterprise: Innovation for its Insulator GRP thermally efficient rooflight. The Group won its third UK national Green Apple award for Environmental Best Practice before being recognised by The Green Organisation as 'Green Heroes'. This was followed by Hambleside Danelaw's third Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) award 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 and it collected the Scottish Natural Heritage Award for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability and a gold Green Apple award for its sustainable approach to manufacturing at its plant in Inverness.