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### Scottish-based businesses are charging forward with Siemens

From the Highlands to the Scottish Borders, Siemens are installing and maintaining Electric Vehicle (EV) charge points for Scottish businesses. Through the ChargePlace Scotland project, 100% grant funding is available to Scottish based businesses for the installation of EV charge points for workplaces. The aim of this funding is to complement the national network of charge points being installed across Scotland to promote electric vehicle use.

Robert Gordon University (RGU) in Aberdeen recently installed a dual outlet charge point to double the number of charge points on its Garthdee Campus. The University already has one electric van, currently used as the mail van, and will shortly be adding a second electric van to their fleet. The charge points can also be used by staff, students and the general public.

RGU Transport Manager, Judith Logan, said: "The University selected Siemens from the approved list of suppliers, as they provided the most appropriate technology and locally based services. Siemens has successfully delivered a complete turn-key project that includes three years of maintenance. The AC dual outlet charger is not only used by our own students and staff but will be useful for EV drivers visiting the university."

Given the increasing demand for electric vehicles, we wanted to encourage people to consider changing to a more sustainable form of driving. The electric vehicle charge point is also in keeping with the University's sustainability targets and Green Travel Plan."

Meanwhile, Scottish courier and express distribution firm SGM Distribution has recently become the first company north of the border to deploy two all-electric Mercedes Vito Ecell. vehicles The two mid-sized vans are the latest additions to a 46-vehicle fleet built up by the company since it was founded in 2006 on the outskirts of Letham, near Forfar.

Company director Mr McLean said: "I think as things move on, this will be something we will see with fleets across the country, where vehicles like these selected as role-specific, and we are pleased to be leading the way. We received excellent advice and support from

the Energy Saving Trust and opted for the charge point supplied and fitted by Siemens, which they installed into our Aberdeen depot. ”

Edinburgh College has also been a pioneer in electric mobility, offering staff a fully-electric pool car fleet for the last three years, while adding to the infrastructure of the city for the benefit of all EV users. More recently, to further bolster nationwide infrastructure, Transport Scotland selected the College to become a partner in the new ‘Switched on @ Work’ scheme.

“Edinburgh College decided to approach Siemens thanks to their prior support of our electric vehicle project and because we believed their equipment was the best on offer in the marketplace,” said Robert Murphy. Locally based Siemens engineers facilitated a quick and professional installation with the rapid charger being made operational in a very short period of time. The charger has proved simple to use, extremely reliable, and popular with our staff as well as local and visiting EV drivers. It has increased the flexibility of our electric pool car fleet by allowing staff a shorter charge time when needed and reducing the time vehicles are off road, thus allowing increased bookings and usage“.

All Scottish-based businesses meeting the appropriate criteria can apply to the scheme which is managed by the Energy Saving Trust - once approved they can select Siemens as one of three approved suppliers. [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk)

“Siemens is very proud to have been selected as one of the framework suppliers for this scheme,” says Head of Electromobility, Mark Bonnor-Moris. “Workplace EV charging is key to continuing the increase uptake of Electric Vehicles across Scotland. We offer host sites a very high level of service through Siemens locally employed engineers and service depots across Scotland – this ensures EV drivers can be confident that our equipment will always be available for charging.”

The company’s new and comprehensive range of Transport Scotland compliant charging points includes AC chargers that provide both single and three phase charging via single or dual outlets, and can be floor standing, pole or wall mounted. Also included in the range is a triple outlet, multi-standard, rapid charging station - supporting all CHAdeMO, CCS COMBO 2 and AC output standards in a single unit. All Siemens chargers are fully tested and certified to work with the Transport Scotland approved Charge Your Car (CYC) nationwide Pay As You Go and back-office system.

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