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Siemens scoops North of England Excellence Award and Most Improved Business accolades

Siemens Energy Service Fossil business, based in Newcastle, has been awarded the prestigious North of England Excellence Award in recognition of achieving and maintaining high levels of performance. Siemens also scooped the Most Improved Business accolade for its structured and comprehensive approach to performance improvement and proactive approach to measurement.

Siemens, a global leader in turbine operations and maintenance for conventional and renewable power plants, employs over 900 people at its Fossil Service operation in Newcastle. The Newcastle site also boasts an impressive £9 million training centre for service technicians.

The awards assessors praised the commitment of staff, and the "enthusiastic and positive atmosphere," and the "culture of openness and involvement." David Teale, chief executive of North of England Excellence, said:

"The winners are all examples of outstanding Northern businesses committed to best practice and innovation. This year we have seen a record number of awards applications and are detecting an increased interest by companies in using the principles of business excellence to improve competitiveness. Our winners will testify to the fact that business excellence not only improves quality and performance but also directly benefits the bottom line."

Graham Hartley, divisional director, Siemens Energy Service in Newcastle collected the award and commented:

"We are delighted to receive this award for our work. Siemens has a long-standing presence in the North East and makes a major contribution to the local economy, skills and jobs. Receiving this award is testimony to the efforts and commitment of every employee within the business. We are very proud of what we have achieved for our customers, employees and the business in the region."

The North of England Excellence Award process is founded on the eight fundamental Concepts of Excellence contained in the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) Excellence Model. The awards are open to applicants from industry, commerce, education, public utilities, local government, education and the voluntary sector from across the North of England.

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Notes to editors:

About Siemens in the UK

Siemens was established in the United Kingdom 169 years ago and now employs 12,972 people in the UK. Last year's revenues were £4.4 billion*. As a leading global engineering and technology services company, Siemens provides innovative solutions to help tackle the world's major challenges, across the key sectors of energy, industry, infrastructure & cities and healthcare. Siemens has offices and factories throughout the UK, with its headquarters in Frimley, Surrey. The company's global headquarters is in Munich, Germany. For more information, visit www.siemens.co.uk

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