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## **SCOTTISH HYDRO CONTRACTING WINS MAJOR ACCOLADE AT SELECT AWARDS**

**Scottish Hydro Contracting, the local business of Southern Electric Contracting in Scotland, has fought off competition from some of the biggest names in the Scottish electrical industry to be named as *Electrical Contractor of the Year* in the 2006 SELECT Electrotechnical Awards.**

Bob Bell, regional director of Scottish Hydro Contracting, was presented with the company's award by David Hollywood, financial director of Livingston UK, the award sponsors, at a prestigious ceremony held on 31 October at the Radisson SAS Hotel in Glasgow.

Judges were unanimous in their decision to give the award to Scottish Hydro Contracting, describing it as a 'remarkable company, whose success cannot be denied'.

The judges were particularly impressed by Scottish Hydro Contracting's progressive approach to business, notable, they said, by its 'unique belief in the power of partnering and its investment in both safety and environmental issues'.

Over 50 companies entered for the category of *Electrical Contractor of the Year*. To qualify for the award, Scottish Hydro Contracting had to demonstrate excellent performance in safety management, staff development, customer satisfaction and sustainable profitability.

Scottish Hydro Contracting was formed in 1999 following the merger between Scottish Hydro-Electric and Southern Electric. Since then it has successfully continued to expand. It now employs well over 280 staff, and operates from

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eight offices throughout Scotland, including Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, Evanton, Inverness and Fort William.

Commenting on the award, Bob Bell said: "We are delighted to have received such a prestigious accolade. This is the inaugural year of the award and we have set the standard required for the future."

He continued: "Achieving this success is recognition of the hard work and commitment our staff have invested to develop the business over the last seven years. Our challenge now is to build on what we have already achieved, and to make Scottish Hydro Contracting the electrical contractor of choice in Scotland."

Scottish Hydro Contracting also came second in the *Best Marketing Initiative* category of the awards.

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**Notes for editors:**

1. Scottish Hydro Contracting is the local business of Southern Electric Contracting in Scotland. The business offers a full range of mechanical and electrical contracting services including high voltage, electrical and instrumentation, inspection and test, and data communications. Clients in Scotland include the National Health Service (NHS), Tesco, Glaxo SmithKline, Aberdeen University and a range of local authorities.

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