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National Grid backs Responsible Business Award

National Grid, Responsible Business of the Year 2014, is backing a new award to enable MPs to recognise Responsible Business Champions in their constituencies

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The All-Party Parliamentary Corporate Responsibility Group (APCRG) has launched the Responsible Business Champions Awards to recognise companies that make a positive contribution to the communities they work in.

It is hoped that the awards will encourage companies to follow the example set by National Grid by playing an active role in their communities. The group is looking to identify a Responsible Business Champion for every UK constituency, nominated by their MP.

National Grid is well placed to support the awards having won the Business in the Community's Responsible Business Award last year for integrating responsible practice throughout its business and working to provide sustainable energy solutions for the future.

Steve Holliday, CEO of National Grid and Vice Chair of Business in the Community said:

"Successful business is the lifeblood of any healthy community – the two are inseparable. That's why it's incredibly important for business to understand and celebrate the role it has in its community – to ensure the long term sustainability of both."

Baroness Greengross, Co-Chair of the Group said:

"The Group has had a very positive relationship with National Grid for many years. It is a fine company that has done excellent work in many areas. In the past it was recognised for its innovative work in training ex-offenders and now it is leading the way in supporting STEM education in schools and inspiring more young people to consider careers in engineering. Without National Grid's vital work in keeping our energy transmission systems operational, we literally would not have the power to keep our homes and businesses running. Its work, often unacknowledged, plays a vital part in every community across our country and we are delighted that National Grid has agreed to be the inaugural sponsor of the APCRГ's Responsible Business Champions scheme."

To be eligible for the award, businesses need to be nominated by their MP for their impact on addressing key social, economic or environmental issues within the MP's constituency. The deadline for MP nominations is 28 February 2015.

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National Grid is one of the largest investor-owned energy companies in the world and has been named Responsible Business of the Year 2014 by Business in the Community. We own and manage the grids that connect people to the energy they need, from whatever the source. In Britain and the north-eastern states of the US we run systems that deliver gas and electricity to millions of people, businesses and communities.

In Britain, we run the gas and electricity systems that our society is built on, delivering gas and electricity across the country. In the North Eastern US, we connect more than seven million gas and electric customers to vital energy sources, essential for our modern lifestyles.

National Grid in the UK:

- We own the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales, operating it across Great Britain
- We own and operate the high pressure gas transmission system in Britain
- Our gas distribution business delivers gas to 10.9 million homes and businesses
- We also own a number of related businesses including LNG importation, land remediation and metering
- National Grid manages the National Gas Emergency Service free phone line on behalf of the industry - 0800 111 999 (all calls are recorded and may be monitored).
- Our portfolio of other businesses is mainly concerned with infrastructure provision and related services where we can exploit our core skills and assets to create value. These businesses operate in areas such as Metering, Grain LNG Import, Interconnectors and Property. National Grid Carbon Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of National Grid. It undertakes Carbon Capture Storage related activities on behalf of National Grid.

Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at www.nationalgridconnecting.com

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National Grid is pivotal to the energy systems in the UK and the north eastern United States. We aim to serve customers well and efficiently, supporting the communities in which we operate and making possible the energy systems of the future.

National Grid in the UK:

- We own and operate the electricity transmission network in England and Wales, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. We also operate, but do not own, the Scottish networks. Our networks comprise approximately 7,200 kilometres (4,474 miles) of overhead line, 1,500 kilometres (932 miles) of underground cable and 342 substations.
- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
- As Great Britain's System Operator (SO) we make sure gas and electricity is transported safely and efficiently from where it is produced to where it is consumed. From April 2019, Electricity System Operator (ESO) is a new standalone business within National Grid, legally separate from all other parts of the National Grid Group. This will provide the right environment to deliver a balanced and impartial ESO that can realise real benefits for consumers as we transition to a more decentralised, decarbonised electricity system.

- Other UK activities mainly relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses; including interconnectors, gas metering activities and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) importation terminal – all of which are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid Property is responsible for the management, clean-up and disposal of surplus sites in the UK. Most of these are former gas works.

Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/news>

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