

Business without Borders Award Winners 2007

**Wells and Young: Cropaid: Axis Electronics: Acuigen:
Lockheed Martin: Kinetic Solutions**

Putteridge Bury, Beds: The winners of the **2007 Business without Borders Awards** for business creativity, innovation and excellence were announced by conference chairman Derek Ludlow at a Gala Dinner in the gardens of the University of Bedfordshire's Putteridge Bury campus on Wednesday evening, June 6.

The Awards are the culmination of the **Business without Borders Conference** (see: www.bwb.org.uk) and are designed to recognise and reward exceptional growth and development in international business.

The following winners and short-listed companies were presented with their 2007 Awards in recognition of their impressive achievements. Photos are available from Linda Saxton on 01865 327813.

DIVERSITY AWARD

Winner: Wells & Young's Brewing Company Ltd

Contact: Joanna Dring: 07814-717375, Joanna.dring@wellsandyoung.co.uk

Short-listed: Lockheed Martin UK INSYS (defence) www.lmco.com and Women on Top (executive networking) www.women-on-top.co.uk.

Diversity Award: For the company demonstrating the best success in international business development, creatively embracing cultural diversity. Sponsored by Dunstable College and presented by Chris Vasey, College Principal, Dunstable College. Award collected by Tom Wells, Vice Chairman, Charles Wells Pub Company.

MOST SUCCESSFUL NEW BUSINESS AWARD

Winner: Cropaid Ltd

RaquelTanseli: 01702 296888, cropaid@aol.com

Short-listed: Accountz.com (software) www.Accountz.com and Tillett and Hague Technology Ltd (agricultural research) www.thetechnology.co.uk.

Most Successful New Business Award: For start-ups in international business trading for three years or less. Sponsored by Luton Borough Council and presented by Colin Chick, Corporate Director, Environment and Regeneration, Luton Borough Council. Collected by Aydin Tanseli, Director, Cropaid Ltd.

BUSINESS GROWTH AWARD

Winner: Axis Electronics

Contact: Simon Garrett: 0845 1651651, simon@jardine-michelson.com

Short-listed: IP21 (intellectual property) www.IP21.co.uk and Mazars (accountancy) www.mazars.co.uk

Business Growth Award: For the company demonstrating the most impressive growth in international business over the past five years. Sponsored by Bedfordshire County Council and presented by Liz Wade, Assistant Director (Economic Growth), Bedfordshire County Council. Collected by Philip Inness, Managing Director, Axis Electronics Ltd.

EAST OF ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AWARD

Winner: Acuigen Ltd

Contact: Derek Jones: 08708 359359, derek.jones@acuigen.com

Short-listed: Cropaid Ltd (agriculture) www.cropaid.com and March Publishing (export events and publishing) www.marchpublishing.co.uk.

East of England International Business Award: For the company in the East of England demonstrating the most impressive record in cross-border business development. Sponsored by Business Weekly and presented by Clive Purvis, Deputy International Trade Director, East of England, UK Trade & Investment. Collected by Derek Jones, Managing Director, Acuigen Ltd

LARGE COMPANY AWARD FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND ENTERPRISE

Winner: Lockheed Martin UK INSYS

Contact: Julie Tompkins: 01525 843608, Julie.Tompkins@LMCO.com

Short-listed: Wells & Young's Brewing Company Ltd (brewing) www.charleswells.co.uk and Axis Electronics Ltd (electronics) www.axis-electronics.com

Large Company Award for Competitiveness and Enterprise: For a large company demonstrating outstanding international competitiveness. Sponsored by Bedfordshire Newspapers Ltd and presented by John Francis, Group Editor, Bedfordshire Newspapers. Collected by Ian Leath, Business Development Director, Lockheed Martin UK INSYS.

SMALL COMPANY AWARD FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND ENTERPRISE

Winner: Kinetic Solutions Ltd

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Short-listed: National Sameday (courier) www.sameday-solutions.co.uk and Open Channels Ltd (translation and coaching) www.openchannels.co.uk.

Small Company Award for Competitiveness and Enterprise: For a small company demonstrating outstanding international competitiveness. Sponsored by Ludlow Group and presented by Derek Ludlow, Chairman, Ludlow Group Services. Collected by Veronica Rigby, Knowledge Transfer Manager, Knowledge Hub, University of Bedfordshire on behalf of Chris Wildsmith, Managing Director, Kinetic Solutions Ltd.

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Editor's Notes:

Wells & Young's Brewing Company Ltd: The Bedford-based company is now the UK's largest independent brewer and is seen as an international drinks company of note by the trade and consumers alike. Not only does the company brew some of the world's best-known beer brands including Red Stripe, Wells Bombardier and Kirin Ichiban, but it is also the UK's sole distributor of the world's fourth largest lager, Corona Extra. Around 10% of the beer produced is exported to over 40 countries around the world.

Lockheed Martin UK INSYS: Lockheed Martin is part of the Lockheed Martin Corporation based in Bethesda, Maryland, USA. LMUK employs nearly 600 people with a broad range of skills and expertise. The company has been registered in the UK for over 50 years and is a respected UK defence contractor, supplying integrated system solutions to the UK and allied armed forces, directly or through global prime contractors.

Cropaid Ltd: Cropaid is manufacturer and world-wide distributor for the award winning, biological and ecological 'Cropaid Natural Plant Antifreeze'. The company is based in England and manufacturing takes place in Turkey. It was established in December 2005 and distributes to many countries outside the UK.

Axis Electronics Ltd: Axis Electronics is a specialist provider of electronic manufacturing services. With particular emphasis on high reliability, complex PCB assembly, Axis has built a thriving business from niche sector such as aerospace, defence, oil and gas, industrial and instrumentations sectors.

Kinetic Solutions Ltd: Kinetic Solutions is a high-growth company that embodies dynamic solutions, continuous innovation, cross-border business and partnership working. It provides innovative software solutions for conferences, hospitality and education sectors. The company has been in business for 10 years and has employees in the UK, US and New Zealand has also expanded into Canada.

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