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ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD FOR TECHNICAL INNOVATOR
Reducing dependency on fossil fuels in the road transport sector

The Hardstaff Group, a UK leader in alternative fuelled vehicles for the road transport industry was named winner of the 2007 EAST Award for Industry Green Investment at a ceremony which took place at the House of Lords in London on 21st September.

The Environmental and Sustainable Technology (EAST) Awards, hosted by Lord Palmer, recognises environmental leaders worldwide that make a positive green contribution and reduce the environmental impact of their businesses, and their clients businesses, with viable environmental and sustainable technology solutions.

In a 12-month period The Hardstaff Group engaged in a wide range of leading-edge environmental initiatives to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels; with an investment of over three-quarters of a million pounds in further developing its pioneering natural gas vehicle technologies and associated services. During this period the company reduced its own carbon footprint with reductions in CO₂ emissions in excess of 1,730 tonnes, with additional reductions in both NO_x and Particulate emissions achieved through the transport arm of the group, which currently operates over 45% of its fleet of 200 heavy-duty trucks using natural gas technology; including its own **Hardstaff OIGI®** (Oil Ignition Gas Injection) electronic dual fuel system.

Hardstaff OIGI® dual fuel is an electronic system that reduces the amount of diesel injected into the cylinder, equally replacing the fuel with natural gas without affecting the efficiency of the original diesel engine.

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Substitution of diesel by natural gas can be as high as 90% dependent on vehicle applications and limitations of the original diesel engine, and is typically between 70 and 85%.

Hardstaff are unique in that they offer customers a turn-key approach by providing the vehicle, gas station, fuel supply and after-service in a one-stop-shop scenario, and their dual fuel technologies can be adapted to any fully electronically controlled fuel injection system including Euro 2, 3, 4 & 5; refuse collection vehicles, buses, coaches and passenger cars.

Commenting on the award, Trevor Fletcher said, "The Hardstaff Group is delighted to receive the award which is in recognition of our great achievements in low carbon technology. We will continue to invest and develop sustainable new vehicle technology in the future that is cost effective and improved in performance, taking a further step towards achieving a cleaner environment."

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Industry Green Investment Award Winner –
Hardstaff Group David Lemon, Chairman of
Judges with Trevor Fletcher, Group Managing
Director of the Hardstaff Group and Jack
Macdonald, Chief Financial Officer of
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