## Five Edinburgh companies shortlisted for VIBES awards

Five companies based in Edinburgh have been shortlisted for the Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (<u>VIBES</u>) awards. One of these five is EAE Ltd.

EAE Ltd is Scotland's leading arts and tourism leaflet distribution company servicing over 5,000 display sites and 800 clients across Scotland. The company operates from a main storage and distribution centre in Loanhead near Edinburgh, and has a further 14 storage and distribution sites across Scotland from Orkney to Dumfries and Galloway.

Managing Director, Glen Bennett, said: "We are thrilled to be shortlisted in the 2010 VIBES Awards Management Category for small businesses".

- "A commitment to environmental sustainability is fundamental to our operations and has led us to introduce initiatives such as installing our own wind turbine, which now supplies 50% of our electricity needs at our Loanhead HQ; purchasing the Electric Green Leaflet Machine, Scotland's first electric leaflet delivery van which is powered by the wind turbine; offering discounts to clients who produce leaflets on 100% recycled paper; and providing staff with additional holidays to work on environmental projects".
- "Thanks to the active help and support of our staff, we have reduced our carbon emissions by 60% since 2005 and are working towards being carbon neutral by 2015. At the same time, we have significantly increased our turnover, client base and staff numbers, proving that operating in a sustainable manner can help a business to grow."

Last month, EAE Ltd was awarded the Sustainable Tourism Award at the 2010 Scottish Thistle Awards, the premier annual awards for the Scottish tourism industry.