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## Environmental policy initiatives see Ricardo-AEA grow in Scotland

**Leading environmental consultancy Ricardo-AEA has grown by around 20 percent in Scotland over the past year.**

Ricardo-AEA is currently working on a number of projects in Scotland across resource efficiency, carbon management, renewables and air quality. A major area of focus at present is supporting the Scottish Government and Zero Waste Scotland in moving Scotland towards a zero waste economy and in particular providing support to SMEs to realize the substantial economic benefits available through resource efficiency.

Leadership by the Scottish government in important policy areas such as resource efficiency and the development of the Low Carbon Economic Strategy intends to increase the value of the low carbon goods and services sector to more than 10 percent of the Scottish economy by 2015, creating 60,000 green jobs. The Low Carbon Economic Strategy also aims to encourage Scottish companies to exploit commercial opportunities.

Jamie Pitcairn, director of Ricardo-AEA in Scotland said: "The growth of Ricardo-AEA in Scotland is a direct result of the country's ambitious targets, supported by the policies and practical leadership of the Scottish government. We look forward to supporting both government agencies and the private sector in realizing the potential for a low carbon Scotland."

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

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