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## **Ricardo-AEA grows in Scotland and launches new Glasgow office**

**Ricardo-AEA is enjoying further growth in Scotland and yesterday evening officially opened its new Scottish Head Office in Blythswood Square, Glasgow – a move that comes on the back of a successful year for the environmental consultant where major orders have been secured with the Scottish Government**

Ricardo-AEA has been providing the Scottish Government and Scotland's private sector with support in resource efficiency, carbon management, renewables and air quality for the last 8 years. The move to Glasgow comes on the back of a period of significant growth for the firm in Scotland where consultancy staffing has increased by 20 percent in the last 12 months.

Significant new wins in this period include the appointment by the Scottish Government to manage the Scottish Air Quality Database. The database plays a central role in efforts to achieve on-going air quality improvements in Scotland. It also supports central and local government and SEPA in their statutory responsibilities for Scottish air quality and is a key information resource for health professionals. Ricardo-AEA has designed, developed, managed and successfully delivered the database since it first established it in 2006. The new win sees this contract set to continue until 2016.



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In March this year, Ricardo-AEA secured a key role to partner with the Energy Saving Trust and provide a new one-stop advice service to help Scottish organisations reduce energy, water and raw materials costs. The £3 million per year contract was awarded by Zero Waste Scotland. The new 'Resource Efficient Scotland' advice and support service went live on 1st April replacing existing Scottish Government-funded support delivered by Zero Waste Scotland, Carbon Trust, and Energy Saving Trust.

"I am extremely pleased that we have been able to open this new Glasgow office, a move which builds upon a very successful period for Ricardo-AEA in Scotland," commented Ricardo-AEA managing director Robert Bell. "Our business is now ideally positioned to provide customers in Scotland across a range of industrial sectors with world leading environmental consultancy support."

Jamie Pitcairn, director of Ricardo-AEA in Scotland added: "The growth of Ricardo-AEA in Scotland is a direct result of the local team's commitment and hard work over recent years and in the country's ambitious targets based on the policies and practical leadership of the Scottish government. From our new location, we are now even closer to our major public and private sector clients."

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## NOTES TO EDITORS:

**Ricardo-AEA** is a new operating division of Ricardo plc comprising the former business of AEA Europe. The consultancy has an exceptional breadth of capability in energy and climate change, air quality, sustainable transport, waste management, resource efficiency and chemical risk. With around 400 staff based in the UK, the company's capabilities are underpinned by the experience gained from supporting governments and business-leaders around the world for over 40 years.

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