

50 BEST GREEN COMPANIES **2008**

32 H+H UK
Building materials



Environmental impact	High
Employer/employee training	28/35
Staff numbers	300
Energy reduction	n/a
Recycling	n/a

H+H UK, which makes a product called aircrete to help buildings be more energy efficient, is working hard to make sure its own house is in order when it comes to being green.

The company, which is currently carrying out energy audits at all its sites, recycles its waste, runs a car-sharing scheme for staff, uses low emission vehicles and has installed pollution reducing equipment.

Employees think the firm does a lot for the environment and does everything it can to minimise its environmental impact, both points earning it green scores of 72%.

The workforce believes that the environment has a bearing on the work they do (77%). Originally used to construct the inner leaf of a cavity wall, aircrete is increasingly being used on other parts of buildings from the foundations to the roof to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Made from pulverised fuel ash from power stations that would otherwise be sent to landfill, its thermal insulation properties help reduce the energy consumption of homes.

Bigger companies with high environmental impact



Sector rank	Green rank	Company	Category	Size	Page
1	2	Carillion	Construction	Big	8
2	5	Skanska UK	Construction	Big	10
3	11	Total E&P UK	Oil & gas	Mid	12
4	20	Kingspan Insulated Panels	Building materials	Mid	15
5	27	Johnson Tiles	Building materials	Mid	16
6	28	Aggregate Industries	Building materials	Big	16
7	32	H+H UK	Building materials	Mid	18
8	41	Hain Celestial UK	Food & drink	Mid	22
9	43	Muntions	Food & drink	Mid	22

Staff at the Kent-based company say the environment is an everyday consideration at work (71%) and that eco stuff doesn't stop them from getting on with their job (76%). They are aware of the green implications of the work they do (75%) and know about the firm's environmental policy (76%).

The company, which was established in Britain in 1949 and has a workforce of 300, has representatives on a number of environmental and sustainability committees, and has done so for more than 20 years. Last year it became a member of the Carbon Trust Energy Efficiency Accreditation Scheme, the first in its industry to do this.

Managing director Mark Oliver is committed to the environment, according to employees (73%). They find him open to suggestion for further eco improvements (77%) and say he puts green issues high on his list of priorities (73%).

Although there are plenty of facilities for those who want to cycle, walk or run to work (79%) few appear to take them up as most people still travel to work in their car, earning the firm a green score of just 17%, the second lowest score for this question.

However, employees say people in their team think green (79%) and they think the firm is reducing its environmental impact (78%)

