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Prestigious Environmental Sustainability Award

We are thrilled to have been recognised at the regional business awards for striving to safeguard and enhance the Highland's world-renowned environment for the future.

We are very proud to be the recipients of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage Award for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability. Recognising that all activities have a potential environmental impact and that trunk road corridors can have an important role in biodiversity, we have increased the schemes in the environmental assessment process, from less than 10 in 2007 to in excess of 150 in 2010.

Specific natural heritage projects undertaken as a result include protection of otter and osprey populations. In every scheme we aim to reuse materials to minimise resource consumption and alternative techniques which maximise environmental benefit are always considered.

The presentation was made by Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland David Mundell MP, at the recent Scottish Council for Development and Industry's Highlands and Islands Annual Dinner and Business Excellence Awards, which attracted 350 guests from the region.

Calum MacDonald, Director of Environmental and Organisational Strategy, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, said:

"The award is for business excellence and is open to companies who conduct their business in an environmentally sustainable way. Good road infrastructure is essential in the Highlands and Islands to support communities and economic activity. In many places there are no alternatives to road transport! Scotland Transerv has demonstrated a whole company approach to sustainability, taking considerable steps to make the roads they are responsible for as sustainable as they can and as wildlife friendly as possible, promoting many biodiversity initiatives. They have engaged their staff in this approach and thoroughly deserve this award for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability."

Kenneth Fowler, Head of Information and Communications, Scottish Natural Heritage, said:

"The trunk road network in the North West of Scotland is vital for communities, for tourism and for economic sustainability. Scotland TranServ's case study clearly demonstrates that the management and maintenance of this network can not only be done in an environmentally sustainable way but can also seek opportunities to improve biodiversity in this part of the Highlands."

Norrie Westbrook, Contract Director, Scotland Transerv, said:

We are delighted to win this very prestigious award in recognition of the efforts made by every strand of the business to leave the trunk roads in a more sustainable condition

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