



SAFE WORKING RAISES CASH FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

Worker safety during the construction of a major new Teesside power station has earned thousands of pounds for local charities.

A safety incentive scheme for the 400 people building the Wilton 10 wood burning power station has led to the distribution of almost £5,000 to causes in the past nine months.

The scheme was devised by plant owners SembCorp Utilities UK together with its main contractor Foster Wheeler.

Each month since January the safest contractor company on the site has been rewarded with £500 to donate to a charity of its choice.

Judges have examined a number of areas including injury and incident free performance, housekeeping standards, auditing and personal protective equipment compliance.

Steve Herring, SembCorp's Technical Safety Manager on the Wilton 10 project, said: "Safety is the absolute top priority for everyone working on the Wilton 10 project. The incentive scheme has had the added bonus of keeping everyone's minds focused on safety and bringing reward to worthwhile causes at the same time".

Contractor firms Watson Norrie, Interserve, Murphy's, Shaw's and WHS have been among the winners with causes Teesside Hospice, Great North Air Ambulance, the Cardiothoracic and Spinal Injuries units at James Cook University Hospital, Macmillan Nurses, Eston Handicapped Fellowship and Cleveland Youth Club for the Sight Impaired having benefitted.

Emma Collins, Fundraiser for Teesside Hospice, which has so far received a total of £1,000 from the scheme, said: "As a local charity, we must raise £3,200 each and every day of the year to continue to provide our essential services to the local community free of charge. We only receive one third of our funding from the local NHS Trust, therefore this wonderful donation will go a long way to help local people suffering from life limiting illnesses. We would like to thank everyone who nominated Teesside Hospice as well as the sponsors SembCorp Utilities and Foster Wheeler".

The £60 million Wilton biomass power station will use around 300,000 tonnes of wood as its renewable fuel source and will be capable of generating 30 MW of renewable energy a year when built – enough to power around 30,000 homes and businesses.



Photograph shows representatives of the contractor companies, charities and sponsoring companies SembCorp Utilities and Foster Wheeler.

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