

ACORN KEEPS GROWING WITH NEW INSPECTION BODY

The IEMA Acorn environmental management scheme that is supported by government has welcomed its fourth accredited inspection body.

Following a successful assessment by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS), AJA Registrars has become the fourth inspection body able to offer accredited inspection to the IEMA Acorn Scheme, an officially recognised Environmental Management System scheme.

AJA (Anglo Japanese American) Registrars has recently inspected Innospec Ltd. and Clouds Environmental Consultancy to Phase 3 of Acorn; both organisations progressing on from their Phase 1 Acorn inspections last year. AJA Registrars' third inspection was The Housing Corporation who successfully achieved Phase 4 and their fourth was Augustus Martin Limited, inspected to Phase 3.

The IEMA (Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment) is delighted to welcome AJA Registrars as an Acorn inspection body and is pleased at the positive start to their inspections.

AJA Registrars was formed in 1995 with its first UKAS Accreditation in 1996 for both Quality and Environmental Management Systems. The company now has over 1000 ISO 14001 clients worldwide. Although they are based in Portished, Bristol, their global operations cover the Europe, USA, Asia and regions of Northern Africa.

James Gibb, Certification Manager at AJA says "When I joined AJA in November 2006, helping the company to become an Acorn inspection body was my main goal for 2007. The IEMA scheme helps AJA to maintain our position at the forefront of the environmental management industry."

Russell Foster, Chief Executive of the IEMA said "We in turn are delighted to welcome AJA Registrars to our fold of accreditation companies to administer our Acorn scheme."

Acorn offers accredited recognition for organisations evaluating and improving their environmental performance through the phased implementation of an EMS. The scheme focuses on environmental improvements that are linked to business competitiveness and is flexible so that all types of organisations can participate.

For more information on the IEMA and the Acorn Scheme, visit www.iema.net/acorn. Further details on AJA Registrars can be found at www.ajaregistrars.co.uk.

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