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‘TEAM SCOTLAND’ MUST BE BOLDER IN GLOBAL AMBITIONS

Scottish businesses must embrace the challenge and opportunities of international engagement.

In her opening address to guests at SCDI’S International Awards Dinner, **Dr. Lesley Sawers, SCDI’s Chief Executive**, urged the business community to be braver in its global ambitions.

Dr Sawers said:

“Never has there been a greater need or opportunity for Scottish businesses to internationalise. We all know the difficult choices and tough operating environment that lies ahead. But now more than ever we need to work in partnership, as “Team Scotland” to support our business base, to capitalise on the international opportunities for our Scottish skills and expertise and to deliver our global ambitions as a nation.”

“To achieve this we need to re-ignite Scotland’s spirit of inquiry, innovation, energy to help us succeed in an economically changed and challenged world.”

The SCDI’S International Awards were presented last night (Friday November 6) at a gala dinner in Edinburgh’s International Conference Centre which was attended by 600 senior business figures from across Scotland. The awards which were judged over eight categories, rewarded innovation and strategic vision in international business engagement, as well as recognising excellence and innovation in areas key to Scotland’s economic success such as resource efficiency, environment, inclusion and enterprise education.

The most prestigious award of the evening, **The SCDI President’s Award**, was presented to **BP** which is marking both its centenary year and 40 years since the company established a presence in Aberdeen.

Presenting the award to Bernard Looney, Managing Director, BP North Sea, **SCDI Chair Shonaig Macpherson said:** “SCDI recognises BP’s longstanding investment and contribution to Scotland’s economy as a producer, investor and responsible employer.”

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List of Award Winners

SCDI President's Award
Winner: BP, Aberdeen

HSBC Award for Outstanding International Achievement
Winner: Production Services Network Limited, Aberdeen

**Scottish Natural Heritage Award for Outstanding Achievement
in Environmental Sustainability**
Winner: Scotch Whisky Association, Edinburgh

SCDI Global Ambitions Award for Outstanding International Achievement
Winner: SELEX Galileo, Edinburgh

SCDI Award for Outstanding International Achievement in Scotland's Universities
Winner: University of Edinburgh

SCDI Award for Outstanding International Achievement in Scotland's Colleges
Winner: Glasgow College of Nautical Studies

**Determined to Succeed Award for
Outstanding Partnership Working with a School**
Winner: Halcrow Group, Glasgow

Envirowise Award for Outstanding Achievement in Resource Efficiency
Winner: FMC Technologies Ltd, Fife

**Scottish Disability & Business Award presented by Leonard Cheshire Disability in
association with Gillespie Macandrew LLP**
Winner: Lothian Buses

SCDI Young Engineers & Science Club of the Year Award
Winners: Bankhead Academy, Aberdeen

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