

Energy Minister on fact-finding visit to Alba Power

Fergus Ewing MSP, Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism with the Scottish Government, paid a fact-finding visit recently to the gas turbine works of Alba Power at Netherley, on the outskirts of Aberdeen, Scotland.

The Minister was given a conducted tour of Alba Power's 4,000sq.m custom-built workshop and stores complex, where the company repairs and overhauls Rolls-Royce and other aero-derivative industrial gas turbines from customers all over the world.

The Energy Minister said: "I congratulate Alba Power on winning the 'Great small company performance award' at the recent Offshore Achievement Awards. This award is tremendous recognition and true testament to the hard work of everyone at the company.

"The Scottish oil and gas supply chain is internationally recognised with domestic sales of around £9 billion a year. Thanks to companies like Alba Power, the sector remains the most important industrial sector in Scotland."

The Minister was given a conducted tour of Alba Power's works by Senior Sales Manager Grahame Martin (pictured right) and Sales Manager Mike Johnston (left).

"Winning the OAA award at our first attempt was a huge achievement for us, and the Awards dinner was an unforgettable experience," said Grahame Martin. "But we wanted to celebrate properly with our whole team, and decided that a Ministerial visit would be a very suitable way to commemorate this landmark achievement.

"We are exceedingly grateful to Mr Ewing for making time in his busy schedule to come and view our operations."

The OAA judging panel had commended Alba Power for its "clear strategic direction" and "strong market differentiation". In the last ten years, the company has built up the world's largest stocks of spare parts for Rolls-Royce industrial turbines (over three million line items), and specialises in repairing and overhauling defective turbines through the cost-effective use of recycled components and fully-overhauled engines.



Image shows (left to right):

Michael Johnston, Sales Manager Alba Power, Scottish Government Energy Minister Fergus Ewing, Grahame Martin, Senior Sales Manager with the company's Offshore Achievement Award for "Great Small Company". The company, which specialises in the repair and overhaul of aero-derivative gas turbines, has restored a 1950 Hawker Hunter fighter jet as an eye-catching exhibit outside its turbine workshop at Netherley on the outskirts of Aberdeen.