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Nominations open for Northern Star Business Awards

The North-east's leading business organisation today (Wednesday) invited businesses to nominate themselves as "Northern Stars".

Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce is launching this year's Northern Star Business Awards, which recognise companies around the North-east for exceptional accomplishments across a range of fields from energy to innovation, customer service to people development.

There are 12 award categories open to businesses keen to highlight their accomplishments in the thirteenth year of the awards.

The categories available for nominations are:

- Achievement in International Business
- The Business Diversity Award
- Commitment to People Development
- Commitment to Innovative Use of Research and Development
- Excellence in Customer Service
- Excellence in Health and Safety
- The Green Award
- Outstanding Contribution to Society
- Outstanding Contribution to the Energy Sector
- Overall Business of the Year
- Rising Star
- Student Placement

There is also a lifetime achievement award which is announced on the night.

Last year, Balmoral's chairman and managing director James Milne CBE was handed this accolade for his outstanding contribution to the region.

He was joined by 39 finalists and 750 guests at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre as the Chamber

Chief executive at the Chamber Russell Borthwick said: "The Northern Star Business Awards are a highpoint for the Chamber, giving North-east businesses from every sector the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their success and achievements.

"Nominating your company is the first step in the process, and competition for a finalist spot is always high. All the award categories attract interest from across every sector of the business community.

"It really is time to shine for North-east businesses."

The winners are announced at AECC on Thursday September 22. Nomination forms are available online at www.northernstarawards.co.uk, for further information contact events@agcc.co.uk.

The closing date for nominations is Friday April 22 at 12noon.

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Notes to editor

- Please find attached an image of Chamber chief executive Russell Borthwick, an image from the awards last year and a copy of this year's logo,
- Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce (AGCC) is North-east Scotland's leading member-focused business organisation. The Chamber represents more than 1,300 businesses with almost 130,000 employees in the private sector covering all industry sectors, ranging in size from sole traders to multi-national corporations.
- Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce delivers over 120 events each year as part of the 'ultimate business network' and look to strive to give all our members the opportunity to develop their business, participate in a range of networking events and delve into issues affecting North-east Scotland.

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