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**SCOTTISH HOUSEBUILDERS SHORTLISTED FOR INNOVATION AWARDS**

Scottish home building companies have been judged to be 'innovative' by an independent panel and the best have made the shortlist in the Homes for Scotland Innovation Awards which will take place in Glasgow on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

The annual Homes for Scotland quality award scheme is designed to show-case best practice and to encourage the industry to strive for the highest standards. This year's theme of innovation has allowed the industry to demonstrate its success in addressing key issues facing the industry such as the environment, affordability and customer service. (A full list of categories and shortlisted companies follows). The winners will be announced at an event which will be hosted by broadcaster Sally Magnusson and attended by around 700 industry members.

Bruce Black, the Executive Director of Homes for Scotland said: "The quality awards scheme has gone from strength to strength in the five years since it was first launched. This year the panel are particularly interested in ideas that are genuinely new to the company or to the industry and which, if rolled-out, would have the potential to significantly improve performance, whether that relates to reducing injuries on building sites or homebuilding's carbon footprint".

The judging panel comprises Keith Geddes, Deputy Chairman, Scottish Natural Heritage; Michaela Sullivan, Head of Planning, Forth Ports plc; Jonathan Fair, Director, BRE Scotland; Malcolm MacLeod, Director for Scotland, NHBC; Douglas Cochrane, National New Build Manager, HBOS plc.

Shortlist/



## SHORTLIST

**Affordable Homes** *sponsored by Bank of Scotland:* Persimmon Partnerships; Bancon Homes; Gladedale Partnerships

**Health & Safety** *sponsored by Forster Roofing:* CALA Homes, Gladedale Homes Central Scotland

**Community Involvement** *sponsored by Greenbelt Group:* CALA Homes East Scotland, Persimmon Partnerships; CALA Homes West Scotland/Persimmon Homes East Scotland

**Construction Materials and Techniques** *sponsored by ALNO Kitchens:* Taylor Woodrow Developments; CALA Homes East Scotland; CALA Homes West Scotland

**Customer Satisfaction** *sponsored by DTZ Residential:* CALA Homes, Miller Homes, Strathclyde Homes

**Environment and Sustainability** *sponsored by Strathclyde Timber Systems:* Miller Homes; CALA Homes West Scotland; Taylor Woodrow Developments

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### **Notes to the Editor:**

1. Homes for Scotland represents the country's home building industry which:
  - is the largest source of private investment in Scotland
  - contributes £5bn to the economy annually
  - builds 25,000 new homes per annum
  - employs more than 110,000 people
  - is the largest user of the planning system in Scotland