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Going Green

Hain Celestial UK Recognised in The Sunday Times Green List

Hain Celestial UK, one of the largest natural and organic food companies in the world and owners of the Linda McCartney range in the UK, has been recognised as one of Britain's greenest companies in The Sunday Times Green List, coming in at number 41.

Based in Luton with factories in Fakenham, London and Manchester, Hain Celestial UK has been presented with the honour following the company's efforts to reduce waste and educate employees on the best and most efficient recycling methods.

In 2006, Hain Celestial recycled less than 9% of its 40 tonnes of waste, most of which is organic in origin. Setting targets to reduce waste by 85%, in just a few months Hain Celestial had achieved that goal and was recycling over 88% of its waste. Targets have now been reset to achieve 95% by the end of 2008.

David Arrow, Managing Director, Hain Celestial UK says, "As the largest producer of natural and organic food in the world, we at Hain Celestial in the UK are delighted with this recognition of our environmental practices by The Sunday Times. Reducing waste has been a priority at Hain Celestial over the last two years and doing our part to protect the environment is integral to our company philosophy."

With food being the biggest waste product at Hain Celestial, the team have become creative in their recycling methods with leftover food converted into energy at Biogen, a biogas plant, while recycled plastic is converted into bin liners. A new initiative has even been started which will see the disposable hats which Hain Celestial workers wear being recycled to insulate houses in third world countries.

In addition to its innovative recycling initiatives, Hain Celestial also actively engages its employees, over 590, in its greener pursuits. Every employee at Hain Celestial

goes through environmental training and is informed each month on the company's progress to reduce waste.

Within The Sunday Times survey, Hain Celestial staff were questioned on their views on the company's green initiatives and many said that the environmental training at work is influencing their behaviour at home.

Arrow, continued, "We have achieved great results in waste reduction over the last two years but this could not have been done without our staff and we attribute our environmental success to our dedicated and enthusiastic employees."

Following on from Hain Celestial's successful recycling initiative, it will be looking to roll out these practices across the business with future goals include setting targets to be carbon neutral by 2012.

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Note to editors

The Hain Celestial Group (NASDAQ: HAIN), headquartered in Melville, NY, is a leading natural and organic food and personal care products company in North America and Europe. Hain Celestial participates in almost all natural food categories with well-known brands that include Celestial Seasonings®, Terra®, Garden of Eatin'®, Health Valley®, WestSoy®, Earth's Best®, Arrowhead Mills®, DeBoles®, Hain Pure Foods®, FreeBird™, Plainville Farms™, Hollywood®, Spectrum Naturals®, Spectrum Essentials®, Walnut Acres Organic™, Imagine Foods™, Rice Dream®, Soy Dream®, Rosetto®, Ethnic Gourmet®, Yves Veggie Cuisine®, Linda McCartney®, Realeat®, Lima®, Grains Noirs®, Natumi®, JASON®, Zia® Natural Skincare, Avalon Organics®, Alba Botanica®, Daily Bread® and Queen Helene®. Hain Celestial has been committed to providing "A Healthy Way of Life since 1993." For more information, visit www.hain-celestial.com and www.hain-celestial.co.uk

The company's UK headquarters are in Luton, with factories in Fakenham, London, Norfolk and Manchester.

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