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**FREE BUSINESS ACCOMMODATION
AND BUSINESS MENTORING
FOR TWO OXFORDSHIRE COMPANIES**

Milton Park and [Enterprise Centre of Oxford Brookes Business School](#) today announce the results of the Green Shoots Award 2005; the competition for environmentally focused new and start-up companies.

Joint winners for this year's award are Oxford Wood Recycling and Limetec, who will both receive a year's free business accommodation at Milton Park as well as 12 months of business mentoring from Oxford Brookes Enterprise Centre.

Runner up is Green Biologics, who will receive 12 months of business mentoring.

Through the collection and sorting of waste wood **Oxford Wood Recycling** works to help businesses become more environmentally friendly. The company is committed to reducing waste going to landfill in Oxfordshire.

Limetec is involved with sustainable building materials. They develop, research and manufacture lime based mortars plasters and renders. They also produce other energy saving building products including hemp ad lime concrete blocks. Their client list is impressive having provided mortar for the new Channel Tunnel rail link, the new Amnesty International office in London, Oxford University Sports Club and the award winning new National Trust head office in Swindon

Green Biologics is an environmental biotechnology company that develops high temperature microbial processes for the cost-effective degradation of plant waste and conversion into higher value fuels and chemicals. The
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product portfolio is renewable and provides significant economic and environmental benefits.

Richard Snow, managing director, **Oxford Wood Recycling** comments:
“This is a tremendous achievement for us, and has come at a crucial time. We needed premises in order to start trading, and the prize of new premises on the Park answers all our needs. We are looking forward to taking our business forward with the help of Oxford Brookes Business School over the coming year.”

Ian Pritchett, managing director **Limetec**, is equally delighted and says:
“We have several new product lines we want to roll out and so winning the Green Shoots Award will allow us to expand and grow our business significantly. We expect to be taking on up to 10 staff over the coming months. We are eager to get started with the business mentoring to help achieve our goals.

Ed Green, managing director, **Green Biologics**, comments:
“Winning a year’s business mentoring is a great boost to the company and we hope it will really help the business to grow and develop.”

“The Green Shoots” award was open to companies who were planning to launch over the next six months, or who have set up since June 2004. Entrants had to have a business plan or company that has a strong environmental connection: for instance selling an environmentally-friendly product or service, or embracing sustainable practices at the heart of their operation.

The competition was launched officially at Venturefest in July. The judging panel included Roger Mumby-Croft, Assistant Dean of Enterprise and Management Development at Oxford Brookes University's Business School, John Bateman, managing director of Milton Park and Professor Russell Smith, Chief Executive of Business Boffins Ltd.

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Commenting on the competition, John Bateman, managing director of Milton Park says:

"Green Shoots is all about recognising and rewarding the efforts of businesses which truly put sustainability at the heart of their operation. The companies that the panel chose are all offering products and services that act in the environment's best interests. For example Green Biologics, is currently developing environmentally friendly ways of removing chewing gum from the pavements"

Roger Mumby-Croft, Assistant Dean Enterprise and Management, Oxford Brookes, adds:

"Companies need to take a lead from the sustainability lobby as putting the environment first and taking the issues seriously can add to business efficiency and hence bottom line profitability"

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