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PRESS RELEASE

Launch of the Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame

The Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Scotland (IESIS) has launched a Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame, and a selection panel of eminent engineers from Scotland has decided on the first seven inductees.

Details will be kept a closely guarded secret until the first inductees are announced on 30th September 2011 at the James Watt Dinner in Glasgow's Radisson Hotel.

IESIS President, Gordon Masterton, says "The inaugural list of seven inductees is a magnificent testament to the breadth of Scottish engineering achievement over a period of 250 years. There are some well known names, but also some that may be a surprise to the general public. We want the public to play its part in future years by making nominations to the Panel, and joining in the debate on who deserves to be in the Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame. We want to honour representatives of Scotland's great heritage of engineering innovation and creativity – past and present. We especially want to receive nominations of practising, or recently retired, engineers who deserve to be inducted in their lifetime."

Peter Hughes of Scottish Engineering, says "Scottish Engineering is delighted to be associated with such a worthwhile venture as the 'Hall of Fame' project. Engineers from Scotland have for centuries been at the forefront of engineering innovation and excellence – as they still are at the present time. Personally, I hold my engineering predecessors in great respect. I am sure that this monument to our engineering greats will continue to grow as iconic figures from our immediate past and the future are added."

Nominations of great Scottish Engineers can be sent to: iesis@btconnect.com

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Background Note to Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame:

The current president of IESIS, Gordon Masterton, promoted the idea of a Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame in January 2011. Other engineering organisations were invited to support the concept and to nominate a member of the inaugural selection panel, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. The Hall of Fame, both digital and, it is hoped, physical, will be used to promote the huge contribution that Scottish engineers have made to the wellbeing of past, present and future generations, and to encourage young people to follow those inspirational role models and embark on a career in engineering.

Engineering provides the building blocks of civilisation that form the richness of our quality of life. Without those great engineers and their entrepreneurial skill, the world would be a poorer place. We want the public to play a part in building this authoritative record by nominating great Scottish engineers who have made a significant contribution to the art and science of engineering in all its aspects - research, development, invention, design, manufacture, construction, implementation, business creation, public engagement, or political influence.

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