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**BETS delegation prepares for Hannover Energy Fair 2010**

A Bristol Environmental Technologies Sector (BETS) delegation will be exhibiting at the Energy Fair of the Hanover Messe trade event (19-21 April 2010). Hannover Messe 2010 is the world's leading trade fair for renewable and conventional power generation, transmission and distribution.

The BETS delegation will build on commercial successes by BETS members at last year's event. The Energy Fair is an excellent sales opportunity for Bristol's world-class environmental technologies and services sector. Bristol companies interested in supplying the BETS delegation with promotional material can contact Chris Worthington on 0117 922 4540. Bristol City Council and UKTI-SW are supporting this delegation.

**Support for Bristol business in China**

Sector Marketing and Neil Blakeman & Associates — January 2010

Bristol businesses with an interest in trade with China are invited to attend a special event sponsored by UK Trade and Investment and supported by the China-Britain Business Council on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm at The Council House, College Green, in Bristol.

The event organised by Sector Marketing and Neil Blakeman & Associates will bring together leading China market specialists, British and Chinese business professionals, public sector, academics and Universities to provide latest news and views on doing business with China, advice on expanding or setting up business in China, talks from industry experts and a unique networking opportunity.

[www.sectormarketingevents.co.uk/cny2010](http://www.sectormarketingevents.co.uk/cny2010)

**Breakfast at Goldbrick House**

GWEBusinessWest

Following the highly successful 'Breakfast at Caffè Carluccios', it is now the turn of the beautiful Goldbrick House to host this popular event on the 10th February.

An opportunity to talk about your business to fellow guests at your table for two minutes over breakfast in the converted light and airy loft of the Victorian factory, Goldbrick House. Delegates can then move tables and repeat the process. With wider networking before breakfast commences.

[www.gwebusinesswest.co.uk/events.aspx](http://www.gwebusinesswest.co.uk/events.aspx)

**MPs Question Time**

GWE Business West

GWE Business West have assembled a group of local MPs to answer questions on any subject. So if you want to find out what all parties have to say about the issues that really matter to the business community in the West of England, then join us for a special free Question Time, on the 5th February with a panel including John Savage, MD of GWE Business West, Jane Henderson, Chief Executive of SWRDA and Chaired by the BBC's Dave Harvey.

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**Bristol retains its Fairtrade City status as a "pioneering authority"**

Bristol City Council Press Release (extract) - 26<sup>th</sup> January

Bristol City Council has once again been awarded Fairtrade City Status. First awarded the status in 2005, the Council's Fairtrade Network is examined every two years by the National Fairtrade Foundation.

The Fairtrade Foundation commented that:

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“Without a doubt, Bristol City Council continues to be one of the pioneer authorities in terms of promoting and adopting Fairtrade and in offering genuine support to the wider network as it seeks to take this commitment out across the wider community.”

To achieve Fairtrade Status the council had to show an increase in retail and catering outlets offering Fairtrade products, use of Fairtrade products in local work places and community organisations, and a committed Fairtrade Network steering group.

Councillor Barbara Janke, leader of the Council, said: “We are delighted that Bristol was highly praised in all these areas by the Fairtrade Foundation.”

“We have seen across the board growth with both the major retailers and independent outlets coming on board to support Fairtrade - a testament to the strength of Bristol’s Fairtrade commitment.”

**Gresham further expands regional commitment with launch of Bristol office**

Gresham Press Release—25<sup>th</sup> January

Gresham, the mid market private equity firm, today announces the opening of its Bristol office which will serve the wider markets of the South West and Wales. The office adds to Gresham’s regional footprint in London, Birmingham and Manchester which, together with the new Bristol office, facilitate direct access to the main centres of UK buy-out activity.

Based in central Bristol, the new regional office will focus on investing in and supporting small and medium sized businesses based in South West England and Wales, incorporating the key business centres of the region including Bristol, Cardiff, Exeter, Bath, Plymouth, Swansea, Cheltenham and Gloucester. Mitch Titley, a Partner at Gresham, will head up the office and will oversee new investment in the region.

Gresham has a long track record in the South West including highly successful investments in Penn Pharmaceuticals, a drug delivery business providing fully integrated pharmaceutical services and Medical Support Systems, a business specialising in the development and manufacture of high quality foam pressure reducing products for the healthcare market.

Simon Inchley, Head of Investment, commented; “Our Partners are very much part of the local community, out there nurturing existing relationships, building new relationships and adding value to our investments. We have been active in the South West for many years and the opening of the Bristol office cements our commitment to the region. We very much look forward to making further investments across the South West.”

**Biggest distribution park in South West to open near Bristol**

Evening Post (extract) - 21<sup>st</sup> January

A distribution park billed as the biggest in the South West is to be built on Severnside after a new deal was signed between landowners and a property group.

An initial 85 acres will be developed on land to the west of the M49 between Avonmouth and Severn Beach.

But landowner Severnside Distribution Land Ltd (SDLL), which has set up its joint venture with Goodman, expects to release further phases totalling about 600 acres.

Severnside has now become a favoured location for the distribution industry because of its position near the motorway network, allowing companies to serve the South West, the Midlands and South Wales.

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**Showcasing what Bristol has to offer for tourists**

Evening Post (extract) - 18<sup>th</sup> January

Bristol's new Tourist Information Centre opened its doors for the first time at the weekend.

It is based in a dockside building, the former Red Room bar, which is next to the Watershed media centre.

The new TIC features a range of free information leaflets and travel timetables for public transport in the city.

There is also a large shop area, selling Bristol-themed memorabilia ranging from books on the history of the city to greeting cards showing pictures of major events.

One wall of the centre is taken up with artwork for sale which has been produced by local artists John Hirst, operations director for Destination Bristol, said: "The new centre is perfectly located overlooking the water, next door to the Watershed Media Centre.

**Bristol jobs safe as Rolls-Royce seals £865m RAF jet deal**

Evening Post—15th January

The Government has unveiled an £865-million contract with Rolls-Royce to maintain engines for RAF fighter jets.

Defence Minister Quentin Davies will officially announce the contract today, which will help to underpin 500 jobs, at Rolls-Royce in Patchway after touring the plant.

The 10-year deal will see Rolls maintain and service the engines which power the RAF's Typhoon jets.

The Ministry of Defence has ordered 186 of the Typhoon jets, each of which is powered by two Rolls-Royce engines made in Patchway.

About 30 of the jets have been delivered and are in active use by the RAF, in places including Afghanistan and the Falkland Islands.

As well as securing jobs of 500 workers at Rolls, it also provides work for a further 2,500 jobs in the supply chain, including component makers and other firms in the West.

The deal is the latest in a series of big contracts won by Rolls-Royce, which has 3,500 staff in Patchway, the UK base of the firm's defence aerospace business. In November, it won a £101-million deal with US planemaker Pratt & Whitney.

**South West lawyers named in Hot 100 list**

Evening Post (extract) - 13th January

Burges Salmon partners Beatrice Puoti-ffiske and Ian Salter have been ranked as two of the best lawyers in the business and at the top of their games as the commercial legal profession

works though the current economic crisis.

The Lawyer magazine publishes an annual Hot 100 list, recognising a group of gifted lawyers who are either on the way up or already genuine market leaders.

Beatrice and Ian, who both work at Burges Salmon's Broad Quay offices in Bristol, star alongside employment, finance, management, corporate, litigation and public sector specialists. Barristers and in-house lawyers are also included.

Senior partner, Stephen McNulty, said: "I am delighted to congratulate Beatrice and Ian on being included in The Lawyer's Hot 100 list. This is a much-deserved recognition of their hard work and expertise, although we must also not omit to recognise the very dedicated members of the teams they lead.

"We are proud of both our legal staff and our

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business support personnel, and the accolade reflects our commitment to achieving the highest standards and excellence in all we do. This ranking is very good news for 2010 and we believe it will be the first of many success stories as we start the New Year."

**Recovery may be real deal as Bristol confidence starts to rise**

Evening Post (extract) - 8<sup>th</sup> January

Business leaders in Bristol and the surrounding area say there have been more corporate takeover and financing deals in the last six months than in the first half of 2009.

And they expect the pace to accelerate in the first half of this year.

The news comes from the Bristol base of top accountancy firm Deloitte, whose Dealmakers Survey was carried out in December and is published this week.

The results show that more than 45 per cent of respondents reported an increase in the volume of transactions completed by their teams in the past six months.

More than two thirds of respondents said they expected the figure to grow still further between now and June this year.

And to prove the survey right, a major deal was announced yesterday by Lloyds TSB's Bristol office. Lloyds' corporate finance team has secured a major financing deal for the UK's largest egg supplier, Noble Foods, which has a supply chain of 480 farms, including 72 in the South West.

**Three new EasyJet routes ready for take-off from Bristol**

Evening Post—5th January

Budget airline easyJet has announced three new routes from Bristol International Airport.

It will start thrice-weekly flights to Dalaman and Bodrum in Turkey from July 16 and 17. From July 17, easyJet will fly twice-weekly to Heraklion in Crete.

The new services bring the total number of routes by easyJet from Bristol to 44, strengthening its position as the largest carrier there.

Rival Ryanair is the second largest carrier, with 39 destinations from Bristol.

An easyJet spokesman said: "EasyJet has gone from strength to strength at Bristol throughout 2009, and has carried over 21 million passengers since our launch at the airport in 2001.

"We're committed to expansion across the UK regions, particularly at Bristol, and estimate that we will carry over three million passengers from Bristol in 2010.

"Not only are we going to be operating even more routes in 2010, but we're making a multimillion-pound investment in new aircraft, which are designed and partly manufactured locally.

"The latest addition to our fleet is an Airbus A320 aircraft. They seat 180 and give us the ability to fly longer distances, which means easyJet can offer short haul European destinations and also medium-haul routes."

**Bristol Entrepreneurs Pledge £10,000 To UK's 'Hidden Heroes'**

PSP Healthcare Ltd Press Release (extract) - January 2010

Three Bristol entrepreneurs have forged the way in improving the lives of care staff across the UK with the establishment of the care industry's first

Benevolent Fund – and a £10,000 donation to its vital work.

The Care Professionals Benevolent Fund will help

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to ensure that professionals who spend their working lives caring for some of the most Vulnerable people in our society in nursing and convalescent homes are not neglected when, through no fault of their own, they can no longer work. It is the first initiative in the country to focus on the welfare of care professionals, and has been widely welcomed by industry leaders.

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