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Baxi unveils micro-CHP to key industry players

Representatives from national housebuilders and utility organisations were among the delegates who attended an open day held by Baxi to demonstrate its progress in the development of micro-CHP. They were welcomed to the event by Martyn Coffey, CEO of Baxi Group UK and Ireland.

Martyn Coffey explained that it was important to engage with specifiers, contractors and utility companies, and to show them units that have been working in real life situations, in homes. "Baxi is very pleased to be able to show the wall hung micro-CHP working in domestic applications. The Industry has always been told that the product is two years away; at last we can demonstrate that the product is running and selling surplus electricity back to the Grid. It is our believe that this product offers the opportunity for a mass produced renewable product suitable for the UK Market."

After a video and presentation by Dr Elaine Ball, New Technology Director, delegates had the opportunity to ask questions of the panel before visiting two local homes where field trials have been carried out for almost a year. At these sites, the performance, reliability and efficiency of the units have been closely monitored, while in the laboratory other units have undergone over 17,000 hours of endurance testing.

Dave Sowden, Chief Executive of the Micropower Council, who attended the event said: "Micro-CHP is a particularly important technology within the microgeneration family. The majority of homes have gas boilers that will need replacing at some point, and this provides a ready-made mass market for products like this.

"The fact that significant large heating manufacturers like Baxi have now committed to the production of microCHP units for use in households brings credibility and confidence to the sector on a scale not seen before. We look forward to this and products like it becoming a familiar sight in the nation's homes in years to come."

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Ian Johnson (Group Buying Manager) of national housebuilder Crest Nicholson said: "The drive for environmentally sustainable development solutions and the rapidly accelerating demand for technical innovation continues to result in new industry challenges. Crest Nicholson is working proactively with Baxi, and other leading suppliers in the industry, in order to bring forward these technologies into mainstream housing. Micro CHP not only delivers a significant reduction in carbon emissions but also benefits our customers with reduced energy bills."

The company's work on micro-CHP was recognised recently when it was short listed as a finalist for the ImechE Engineering the Future Award at the 2007 National Business Awards.

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Micro CHP is a microgeneration unit that uses a Free Piston Stirling Engine to generate 1kW of electricity per hour while it is providing space heating and hot water. It has been developed for domestic applications to operate virtually noise and vibration free, in a casing that is no bigger than a standard domestic boiler.

The prestigious National Business Awards recognise organisations and individuals that push the boundaries and demonstrate excellence in business achievement, innovation and success in the UK.

The Micropower Council includes all the large trade associations and a number of leading companies with interests in microgeneration, and acts as the industry's main contact point for government, opinion formers, the press, and the public.

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