

## **Press Release**

### **SLS receive Environment Index 'High scoring new entrant' award**

Business in the Community (BiTC) - Yorkshire and Humber has recognised Scientific Laboratory Supplies (SLS) as a 'High scoring new entrant' in the 2011 Environment Index, as a result of their focussed approach to environmental management and performance. SLS, established in 1991, have also been accredited with a Bronze award for achieving a 75% index score; well above the 48% average achieved by 2011's other new entrants.

SLS were presented with their award at the BiTC annual gala dinner at Leeds United Football Club on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011. The evening was attended by some of the UK's largest organisations and leading business figures within the Yorkshire and Humber area; there was also a special guest appearance via video link from the Prince of Wales, a leading figure involved with the charity.

BiTC are a business led charity that operates nationwide with over 850 members, including 70 of the FTSE 100 companies. The charity advises, supports and challenges organisations with the aim of creating a more sustainable future for the local, national and global community.

As the UK's leading independent supplier of laboratory products to industry, universities, research organisations and hospitals, SLS and are committed to the ongoing integration of environmental management systems into day-to-day business activities. Their introduction of an ISO14001 accredited environmental management system demonstrates their commitment to environmental protection. They assist both suppliers and customers in the reduction of their own environmental impacts by offering a variety of recycling services for used products and product packaging.

Peter Lister, Operations Director concludes "We're proud of our environmental achievements, but we still have more to do. The great thing about the index is that we can see exactly which areas need some development, we have already identified key priorities and are currently incorporating these into the business strategy."