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AWS OCEAN ENERGY

AWS OCEAN'S SIMON GREY SELECTED FOR HIE ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Simon Grey, the Chief Executive of AWS Ocean Energy, the Highlands wave energy technology company, has been selected for one of the six Highlands and Islands Enterprise sponsored places on the Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) in 2011.

Run by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Sloan School of Management, the course takes place on-site at MIT in Boston.

Simon Grey, who has been Chief Executive of AWS Ocean Energy since 2004 said: "I'm delighted to have been selected for a place on the MIT Entrepreneurs Programme. It's a wonderful opportunity for me to exchange ideas and to learn more about building a strong and sustainable business. It's also a recognition of AWS Ocean's pioneering work in wave energy, and the long-term contribution that we can make to the economy of the Highlands and Islands."

Simon was selected as a successful candidate through the Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) competition to find ambitious entrepreneurs keen to take advantage of this unique opportunity to help their business reach its full potential and develop themselves as business leaders.

Stephanie Anderson, Development Manager, HIE, said: "The EDP participants learn to hone their customer focus and entrepreneurial skills, and to create a more favourable climate for innovation and entrepreneurship in their organisations, which in turn will help develop the entrepreneurial ecosystem here in the Highlands & Islands. The course is aimed at the most ambitious global businesses with growth potential and aspirations."

Each year, HIE sponsors six Highlands and Islands businesses to take part on the programme. Simon was selected along with:

- Andrew Russell, Arran Aromatics, Isle of Arran
- Dougie Stevenson, Malakoff Ltd, Shetland
- John Fox, The Nimrod Group, Moray
- Steve Ham, The Underwater Centre, Fort William
- David Attwood, Loch Fyne Oysters