

Employees more eco-friendly at work than at home

- *89 per cent of employees take responsibility for workplace energy consumption but feel they could still do more*
- *One fifth of employees do not know their organisation's energy spend*
- *Employees create 'wish-list' of how they would spend their energy savings*
- *Organisations could save 20 per cent on energy spend by being greener*

01 March, 2010 – The UK's employees are more aware of being eco-conscious in the work place than at home a new survey reveals. Whilst 89 per cent of respondents thought they were being eco-friendly in the workplace, only 73 per cent of people felt the same way about their green behaviour at home.

The survey, commissioned by Energenie, sheds positive light on employee attitudes in the UK towards being green in the workplace. 90 per cent of employees claimed to take responsibility for their own energy consumption with a staggering 70 per cent claiming that all their companies' electrical appliances are turned off at the mains when not in use. A further 60 per cent of respondents claimed to ensure that both their PC and monitor were switched off correctly and not left on in standby mode overnight.

However, it is unclear whether employees actually turn off plugs at the socket. With Energenie's range of automatic standby shut down switches, organisations can make sure that nothing is needlessly left in standby mode.

Alan J. Tadd, Managing Director, Energenie, commented: "It seems that employees in the UK are becoming more aware of energy consumption in their offices, but the emphasis is definitely on the individual, not the company and employees struggle to understand company policy when it comes to energy saving. Organisations could make things a lot easier for themselves and employees by installing automatic standby devices throughout their offices that would ensure that electrical appliances are not wasting energy when they shouldn't be."

The Energenie survey also identified that most employees are unsure who is responsible for energy usage in their organisation and one fifth of respondents were unsure of the company's energy spend. The confusion of who is responsible for a company's energy

efficiency demonstrates that being green in the office is at present a responsibility taken on by individuals rather than the organisation as whole. 72 per cent of respondents felt that the CEO or MD should be responsible for the task, whilst 13 per cent felt that the company's financial director should shoulder the burden. Eight per cent of people questioned thought that the office facilities manager should be in charge of ensuring energy levels were kept low.

Energenie's survey also highlighted a business 'wish-list' that identifies areas in the business that the money saved by proper energy management could be spent on:

- 33 per cent of people wanted an improvement in current salaries or conditions
- 28 per cent of people wanted to replace old office equipment
- 20 per cent felt the money could be better spent on increased marketing
- 6 per cent wanted the money invested in better staff training
- 3 per cent wanted an increase in head count

In addition 57 per cent of respondents felt that there was no current government legislation putting pressure on their businesses and other organisations, such as local government legislation to be greener. As the main political parties prepare to fight an election, the survey showed that 50 per cent of people would vote for a party specifically because of its green policies yet 60 per cent of respondents felt that green issues are a gimmick rather than a genuine concern for political parties.

Tadd continued, "It is the responsibility of management to lead the way with energy saving. We can see that the will amongst employees is certainly there, so it needs to be a long term goal for businesses to create internal policies that will generate real, long term results. In addition, automatic standby shut down devices do not require organisations to make any structural changes to their premises nor do they require employees to check that electrical appliances are turned off at the end of the day. It is all done automatically for them."

Energenie's range of energy saving solutions is an ideal way of making sure energy and money isn't wasted by continuously leaving appliances on. The Automatic Standby Shutdown for PCs has 4 controlled sockets to connect your computer and peripherals to. There is also one socket permanently on for equipment that requires continuous power, whilst the other sockets automatically shut down power when not in use.



Energenie's *Automatic Standby Shutdown* is recommended and certified by the Energy Saving Trust.

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