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ILM (Highland) – The North’s First Approved Authorised Treatment Facility

ILM (Highland) is the first highland company to achieve certified status for the collection and disposal of business WEEE (Waste Electrical Equipment).

The WEEE Directive, which came into force earlier this year to prevent electrical waste going to landfill means that businesses will be heavily fined if they do not dispose of their waste using an Approved Authorised Treatment Facility.

Andy Dytch, general manager of ILM (Highland) explains, “Over the past year we’ve been gearing ourselves up for the WEEE Directive coming into force. One part of our business already handles the reuse and recycling of white goods so we thought it a ideal opportunity to expand this area to offer all businesses across the north of Scotland a bonafide service for all their WEEE requirements.”

Operating from their premises in Teaninich Industrial Estate, Alness, ILM (Highland) was established thirteen years ago as a social enterprise, concentrating on delivering a range of services to help the elderly and the most vulnerable in our communities. These services include providing a trustworthy home insulation service, care and repair for building maintenance and building improvements as well as a handy-person service.

“Achieving the accreditation status has not been straightforward. Apart from it costing several thousand pounds, we had to, as a company, review all our policies and procedures in order to align our overall objectives with strategies that satisfied the legal aspects of being a Designated Collection Facility for WEEE. Now that we are a recognised WEEE centre we can offer businesses throughout the north an authorised disposal route for waste electrical and electronic equipment” remarked Andy.

ILM (Highland) offers businesses a choice. Waste can be collected directly from business premises or businesses can deliver items to ILM’s depot in Alness.

Charges will depend on the types of WEEE being collected. Andy went on to say, “We have devised a fair system for businesses; single items will carry a nominal fee per unit but where there are lots of items for collection there are quantities of mixed WEEE, a charge by the tonne will be made.”

The main products that businesses are more likely to have on site that come under the WEEE Directive will be: Refrigeration units; Televisions; Photocopiers, Fax Machines, Heating Appliances and IT Equipment (including computers, printers, monitors and other IT peripherals). However, the reality is anything that has a plug will be considered as WEEE.

“All WEEE arriving at ILM (Highland) undergoes examination for reuse potential and, where possible, is repaired. Where reuse is not possible, WEEE is dismantled on site or moved to an approved recycling centre. We are able to offer businesses a professional and certified route for them to dispose of their WEEE in a safe, environmental, documented and legal way. We are a ‘not-for-profit’ organisation so all money received from ILM’s initiatives is reinvested back into the business to improve services and provide training and employment opportunities for people in our communities” explained Andy.

To find out more about WEEE and how it may affect your business, please contact either Andy Dytch or Kenny Horsfield on: 01349 884774. **END**