



Environment Matters – 28th September 2007

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Russia Progressing in Sustainability League** Economists at Germany's Allianz Insurance and Dresdner Bank have ranked Russia sixth in an 18-country index of "sustainability of fiscal and ecological development", ahead of the UK (placed seventh), Germany (ninth), and the US (17th). ([IEMA 17/09/07](#))
- **Top Corporates Come Clean** Several leading companies have agreed to act as guinea pigs in a Government-backed scheme to highlight the carbon footprint of their products. Nine companies including household names like Cadbury Schweppes, Coca-Cola and the Co-op have become the second wave of firms to sign up to use a carbon footprinting standard designed by Defra and BSI. ([EDIE 24/09/07](#))
- **Go-ahead for £28m Cornish wave farm** The world's first large scale wave farm, to be built off the coast of Cornwall, will get the go-ahead, it emerged today. The government is poised to announce planning permission for the £28m renewable energy project. ([Guardian Unlimited 17/09/07](#))
- **New study for Severn energy plan** The government has announced a fresh feasibility study into the Severn Barrage, a tidal power plan that could provide about 5% of UK electricity. ([BBC News 25/09/07](#))
- **Energy guzzling lightbulbs phase out to start next year** The most energy-guzzling light bulbs in Britain will start disappearing from shop shelves early next year as part of efforts to cut CO₂ emissions, Secretary of State for the Environment Hilary Benn said today. ([Defra 27/09/07](#))
- **FT & CITI Environment Awards Shortlist** Companies have shown substantial reductions in carbon emissions in the last two years, with many entries revealing above average emissions reductions when compared with national targets set for 2012. ([IEMA 17/09/07](#))

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Over 70 people, including the local MP turned up for the first of Aardvark's Autumn 2007 seminar series. The seminar, where Aardvark showcased their mobile reedbed system, was undertaken with Willowbank and focused on river revetment, pollution and management projects. Forthcoming seminars will look at developing brownfield sites and managing environmental issues through a planning application public consultation process.

If you would like to be notified of or attend future Aardvark seminars please email the team at environment@aardvarkem.co.uk.
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And finally,

- **Top 10 ethical British chocolates** With so many organic and Fairtrade varieties on the market, chocolate is no longer a guilty pleasure. Adam Vaughan profiles the best British brands for the conscience-driven consumer. ([Guardian Unlimited 28/09/07](#))