



TRECO
GreenHeat

The Green Revolution is Here

TRECO (the Technology for Renewable Energy Company) was established in 2006 to supply and install top of the range biomass boilers to a growing national client base.

Growing awareness of the reliability of biomass technology, environmental issues, rising fossil fuel costs, government support for renewable energy and Treco's growing reputation have placed the company in a period of growth.

As a result, they are recruiting heavily for their head office in Tiverton, operations centre in Silverton and for a number of regional sales offices around the UK. A full list of current vacancies can be found on their website.

Anticipation of the Renewable Heat Incentive, which will start to pay eligible biomass boiler owners for generating green heat, and its launch in October is already creating new interest and fuelling further demand. Tens of thousands of new biomass boiler installations are expected over the next few years, which will mean job creation across the whole renewable energy supply chain – great news in today's economic climate!

Phase one of the RHI is due to begin in October this year, when OFGEM's website will be open for eligible biomass boilers to be registered. Their website is then due to accept quarterly meter readings from November, which will determine the units of green heat generated and the quarterly payments that will follow, every year, for 20 years.

In the domestic sector, the Renewable Heat Premium Payment scheme runs until April next year. This offers one-off grants of up to £950 towards the cost of a biomass boiler and is a precursor to the domestic scheme in phase two. Due to launch in October next year, the RHI's second phase will offer landlords and homeowners generous incentives for green heat generated by single boilers serving an individual property.

Phase one of the RHI will be particularly beneficial to farmers, rural businesses and landowners, National Trust and listed properties replacing

fossil fuel systems in stately homes and tenanted properties. Churches, doctor's surgeries, leisure centres, schools, village halls, zoos, care homes and hospitals will also benefit, as will housing developers, social enterprises, community heating schemes and social housing providers.

Their associated fossil fuel usage may be high because of a need to provide continuous heat to larger buildings, often around the clock. Where multiple properties are heated by a single boiler under "district heating" schemes, the anticipated RHI payments will be particularly appealing.

For example, a farm using a small biomass boiler may receive around £5,000 a year, a district heating scheme using a medium sized boiler could earn £15,000 or more and a hospital using a larger system could receive upwards of £25,000 a year. Treco's "RHI Calculator" is available on request and gives an indication of the level of commercial RHI payments, fuel cost, Co2 savings and payback period available at different levels of fuel consumption with a new biomass boiler.

Many of the buildings above are off the mains gas network and are also those who's heating usage can enable them to make some of the biggest savings by moving away from expensive and polluting fossil fuels. Those that do will avoid the burden of ever increasing fuel costs, as simply by moving to wood chip, pellets or energy crops can mean savings of up to fifty per cent.

The anticipated RHI payments alone can mean a short payback period of four to six years and there is also growing support from the banks and financial sector. For example, Barclays Bank recently launched a £100m fund for British farmers, hoping to cut energy bills and generate new sources of income from investing in renewable energy.

"After a difficult trading period, we are currently in a period of growth and have been recruiting heavily. When it launches in October, we are expecting the Renewable Heat Incentive will fuel huge investment, stimulate renewable energy market growth and create more jobs across the whole green energy sector." says Gordon Traill, Treco's Managing Director.

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