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Dear Energy Academy

Nomination of David Townsend for the Energy entrepreneurship category, The Heriot-Watt Scottish Energy News 'Researcher' of the Year Awards

I would like to nominate David Townsend for the above award.

I first met David in November 2013 and was immediately impressed by his vision, enthusiasm and commitment to the exploitation of geothermal energy in Scotland.

Since then we have met many times, sometimes at our offices here in Edinburgh, but more often at various energy conferences and workshops throughout Scotland. I have seen how his expertise and knowledge of the sector has grown significantly over the last 18 months. In that time David has certainly made his mark on the nascent geothermal industry in Scotland, as evidenced by his membership of Scottish Government's Geothermal Energy Expert Group and various other geothermal consortia.

We in BGS Scotland believe geothermal energy has a substantial contribution to make to the renewable heat and energy storage sectors in Scotland and I am sure David will play a significant part in getting this new industry to where it deserves to be.

Yours faithfully,

Hugh Barron
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