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Business Edge opens new training centre as F-Gas roll-out accelerates

Business Edge, the specialist training, trouble-shooting and technology company, has established a new training centre to cope with demand for F-Gas compliance training and certification.

The company has gained approval to run its ConstructionSkills-backed refrigerant safe handling and F-Gas compliance course in a newly equipped facility at East Devon College, Tiverton.

Heading up the company's West of England programme is well-known industry trainer, Martin Hook. The new centre will work alongside the company's established headquarters' training facility at Waterlooville, Hampshire and it's mid-country centre in Milton Keynes.

Demand for refrigerant safe handling training, required under the F-Gas Regulation, is expanding rapidly. The company last month certificated its 100th engineer, Shaun Dickson of Air Conditioning Solutions (UK) Ltd [*see picture attached*].

Mike Creamer, managing director of Business Edge, said: "The pace of activity has been growing since the beginning of the year. The recent announcement by the government that REFCOM is to be the administration body for companies under F-Gas legislation has highlighted the need for action. The race is now on to get

engineers qualified, and we have already geared up to meet the need."

The company uses specially designed F-Gas training rigs, produced in collaboration with Bitzer, to bring the training to life. The high quality rigs enable the principles to be explained in practice, and allow trainers to set up fault conditions that candidates are asked to detect and rectify.

Kelvin Kelly, who heads up training at BEL, says: "The rigs are a brilliant tool for explaining the science and theory behind the refrigeration cycle. Many engineers are highly competent practically, but are relatively unfamiliar with thermodynamics and general refrigeration theory. We soon bring this aspect to life and open the subject up."

The next F-Gas courses take place on the following dates:

- 8/9/10 July – Portsmouth;
- 27-31 July – 2 Day Brazing Certification + 3 Day F-Gas – Tiverton;
- 12/13/14 August – Portsmouth;
- 17-21 August – 2 Day Brazing Certification + 3 Day F-Gas – Tiverton;
- 19/20/21 August – Portsmouth;
- 25/26/27 August – Portsmouth;
- 2/3/4 September – Portsmouth.

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Shaun Dickson of Air Conditioning Solutions (UK) Ltd is the 100th engineer to successfully gain F-Gas training and certification from Business Edge Ltd.

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