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**STRATEGIC ALLIANCE ALLOWS HVCA MEMBER COMPANIES  
ACCESS TO MICROGENERATION CERTIFICATION SCHEME**

HVCA members now have access to a tailor-made microgeneration certification scheme (MCS) for installers of renewable technologies.

This significant additional member benefit has been introduced as a result of a strategic alliance finalised by HVCA subsidiary Building Engineering Services Competence Accreditation (BESCA) and independent certification body NICEIC.

The MCS concept was developed by Government to provide consumers with an assurance that microgeneration products are being installed in line with a robust set of independent competence and quality standards.

MCS is also linked to the availability, to members' customers and clients, of financial incentives including feed-in tariffs and – importantly – the Renewable Heat Incentive, the first phase of which will be introduced in July of this year.

“Recent research carried out among HVCA members has revealed that the vast majority are already involved with renewable technologies, and fully recognise the developing business potential they represent,” commented HVCA president Martin Burton.

“I am delighted that – via its alliance with NICEIC – BESCA is now able to provide members with a ‘one-stop-shop’ for microgeneration certification which will minimise the burden of inspection that is an inevitable element in the demonstration of compliance.”

The research referred to by the president indicates that a total of 77% of HVCA members are already engaged in the design and installation of a wide range of renewable technologies – either carrying out the work themselves, acting as project managers, or fulfilling both roles.

The findings also confirmed that 84% of respondents anticipate continuing growth in demand for renewables in the near future, and that most are committed to developing skills and expertise in this important business sector.

The member survey was undertaken on behalf of the Association by independent research consultancy Lychgate Projects.

For details of the BESCA/NICEIC microgeneration certification scheme, contact the BESCA helpline on 0800 652 5533 ([info@besca.org.uk](mailto:info@besca.org.uk)), or visit the BESCA website at [www.besca.org.uk](http://www.besca.org.uk).

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Martin Burton, HVCA president 2010/11.

Notes to Editors:

1. Building Engineering Services Competence Accreditation Ltd (BESCA) was established by the HVCA as an independent assessment and certification body for the building services engineering sector. It operates a Competent Persons scheme

for the self-certification of “controlled services” hvacr work under the Building Regulations in England and Wales.

2. NICEIC is the electrical contracting industry’s independent voluntary regulatory body for installation safety matters throughout the UK. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Electrical Safety Council.
3. For further information, contact the BESCA helpline on 0800 652 5533 ([info@besca.org.uk](mailto:info@besca.org.uk)).