

# Environmental Accreditations – what's out there and what's worth it?

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# Who are we?

Environmental Consultancy established in 2000

- Implementing certified systems such as ISO14001, Green Achiever Scheme, CEEQUAL
- Specialise in Planning and Permitting of renewable energies sites, waste sites and industrial installations including designing and implementing EMSs to support Environmental Permits
- Providing “Producer Responsibility” data support service for packaging and WEEE



# Presentation Outline

- **What are the options for environmental accreditation?**
- **Why might you want varying ones?**
- **What do the main accreditations cover?**



# Types of Environmental Award

- **Business Awards**

- Chambers of Commerce, Barclays, Local Councils, local press, etc

- **Accreditation Awards**

- Green Achiever Award, ISO14001, Acorn / BS8555 / Green Dragon, EMAS, CEEQUAL/BREEAM

- **Labels**

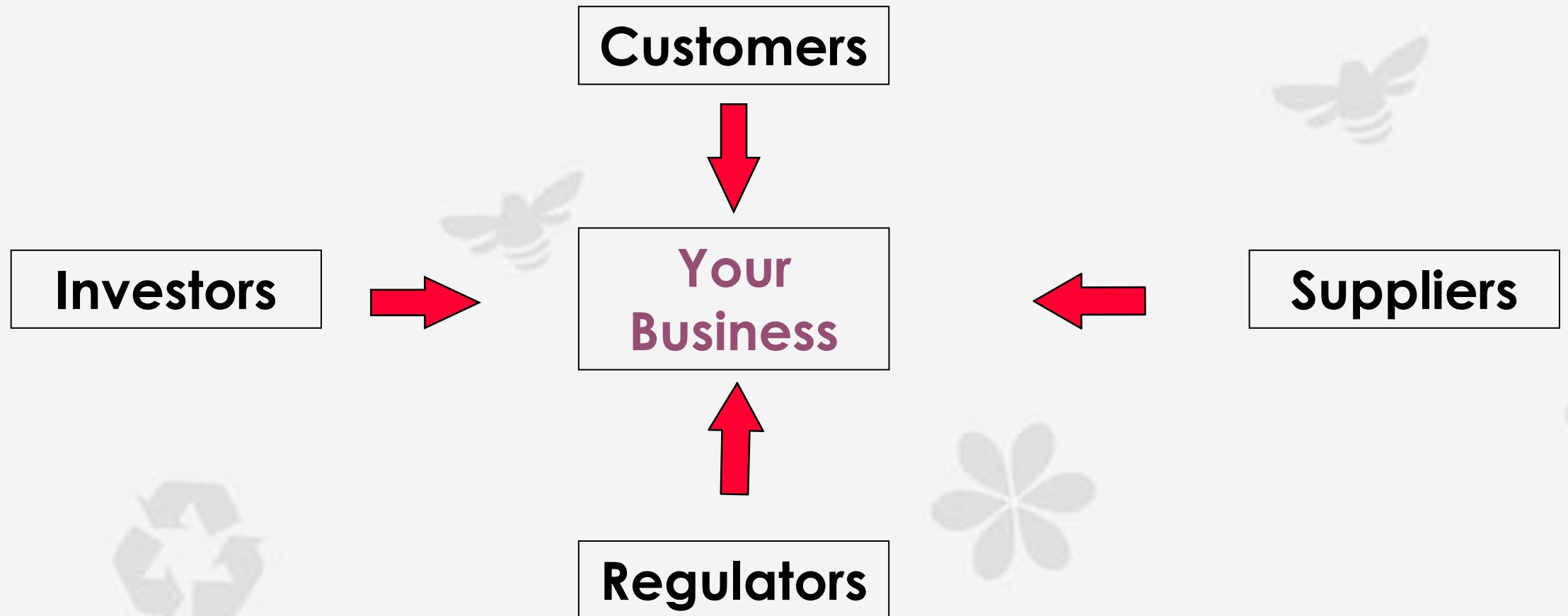


# What Awards Offer

- **A prize and therefore kudos**
- **A mark of quality**
- **A point-in-time assessment**
- **Advice and support**
- **Progressive expectations**



# Who wants what from your business?



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- Customers

- Need to attract and retain them so you're looking for recognisable labels

- Suppliers

- They're concerned about the chain of management so you're looking at labels and accreditations

- Regulators

- They require confirmation of you meeting regulatory obligations; they're looking for accreditations

- Investors

**“Showing concern (*for environmental management*) is a sign of a well run company” – Deborah Meaden.**

- Looking for business awards and accreditations

# Core Environmental Concerns



- **Legal Compliance**



- **Protection of the Environment and Prevention of Pollution**



- **Continuous Improvement**



# Environmental Accreditation Options

- **ISO14001**
- **BS8555 / Green Dragon / Acorn Scheme**
- **Green Achiever Scheme**
- **CEEQUAL**

**Processes, Practices, Projects**

# ISO14001

- **An internationally accepted standard**
- **Outlines how to put in an effective environmental management system (EMS)**
- **Showing that you have policies and procedures to enable you to know of, monitor and manage the environmental impacts of operating your business**

## And (from September 2015)

- **Consider the impact the environment may have on your business**
- **Ensure Top Management is involved with environmental issues**
- **A life-cycle perspective is considered across the value chain**

# ISO14001 (2) – Key / Core Documents

- **Environmental Policy – Protection of the Environment**
- **Aims and Objectives, Targets and Monitoring Indicators**
- **Compliance Obligations (Legal Register)**
- **Aspects / Impacts Register**
  - Significance Ratings
  - Normal / Abnormal / Emergency Conditions
  - **Risks and Opportunities**
- **Control Documents & Processes including:-**
  - **Integration of EMS to business processes**
  - Training
  - Audits
- **Management Review**

# BS8555 / Green Dragon / Acorn Scheme

**A graduated approach to ISO14001 through 6 phases:-**

- 1. Commitment and Establishing the Baseline.**
- 2. Identifying and Ensuring Compliance with Legal, and other Requirements.**
- 3. Developing Objectives, Targets and Programmes.**
- 4. Implementation and Operation of the Environmental Management System.**
- 5. Checking, Audit and Review.**
- 6. Environmental Management System Acknowledgement**

# Green Achiever Scheme

An accreditation Scheme to review and accredit an organisation's environmental practices and performance – what happens on the ground on a day-to-day basis

- Registration – legal compliance
- Self-Assessment – identifying good practices
- Silver – on-site audit, setting targets
- Gold – evidence of on-going improvements



# CEEQUAL

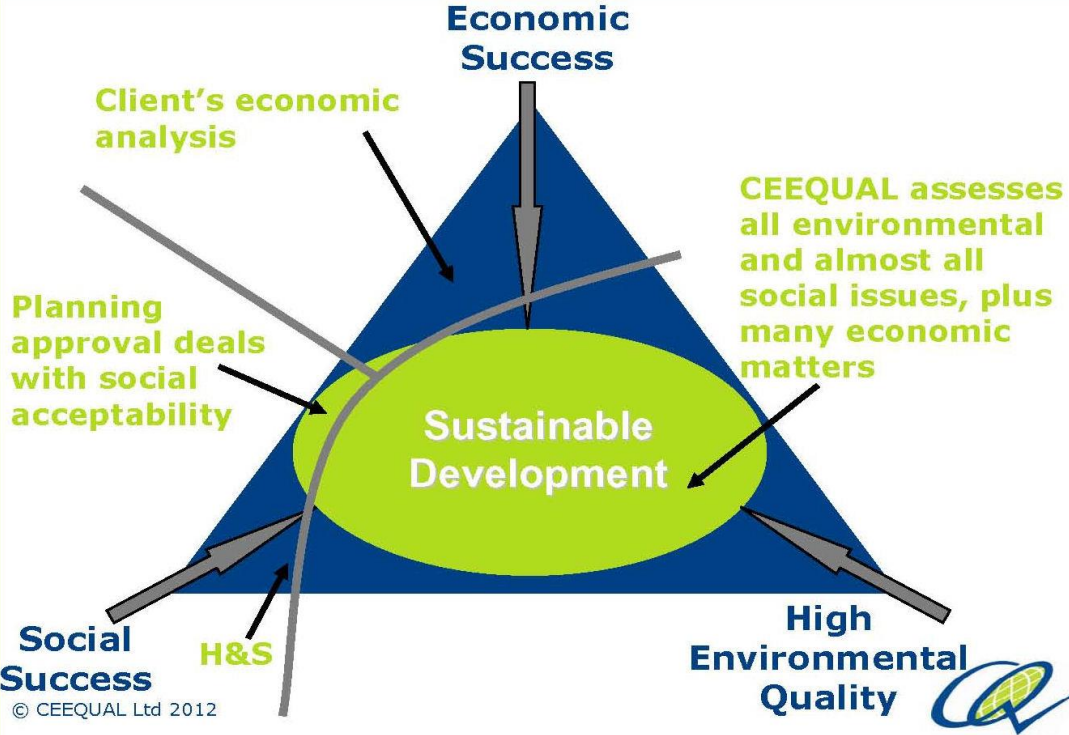
**Sustainability assessment and awards for civil engineering, infrastructure, landscaping and the public realm**

- **Provides a rigorous and comprehensive sustainability rating system for project and contract teams**
- **Celebrates commitment to, and demonstration of, achieving high environmental, economic and social performance.**

**Hot Off The Press** – on 23<sup>rd</sup> November it was announced that CEEQUAL was combining with BRE with the aim to develop a new single rating tool to bring together the civils with the building-related BREEAM schemes – (2017/18)

# CEEQUAL (2)

## CEEQUAL and the sustainability agenda



# CEEQUAL (3) - Version 5

1. Project Strategy (Optional)
2. Project Management
3. People & Communities
4. Land Use & Landscape
5. The Historic Environment
6. Ecology & Biodiversity
7. Water Environment (fresh & marine)
8. Physical Resources
9. Transport





# Any Questions ?

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