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Umicore recognized at the Belgian Business Awards for the Environment 2011

Umicore has picked up two prizes at the Belgian Business Awards for the Environment 2011. The awards were presented at a ceremony hosted by the Belgian Industry Confederation (FEB / VBO) in Brussels.

The jury awarded 2nd place to Umicore's unique battery recycling process. This process uses Umicore's patented Ultra High Temperature (UHT) smelting technology, enabling an efficient and environmentally sound battery recycling process with the highest recovery rates and with minimal waste.

Umicore is also involved in an innovative insulation concept for buildings called ISO.Finish™ which was awarded 3rd place at the ceremony. ISO.Finish™, which uses Umicore's VM Zinc products as façade materials, provides a simple and effective external cladding solution that combines excellent insulation with high-quality finishing and aesthetics.

For more information on Umicore's battery recycling process:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MslFEAKBjLA&feature=related>

<http://www.batteryrecycling.umicore.com/aboutus/>

For more information on ISO.Finish™ :

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BqsArqp5pU>

http://www.isofinish.be/pages/partner_vmzinc

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Umicore profile

Umicore is a global materials technology group. It focuses on application areas where its expertise in materials science, chemistry and metallurgy makes a real difference. Its activities are centred on four business areas: Catalysis, Energy Materials, Performance Materials and Recycling. Each business area is divided into market-focused business units offering materials and solutions that are at the cutting edge of new technological developments and essential to everyday life.

Umicore generates the majority of its revenues and dedicates most of its R&D efforts to clean technologies, such as emission control catalysts, materials for rechargeable batteries and photovoltaics, fuel cells, and recycling. Umicore's overriding goal of sustainable value creation is based on an ambition to develop, produce and recycle materials in a way that fulfils its mission: materials for a better life.

The Umicore Group has industrial operations on all continents and serves a global customer base; it generated a turnover of € 9.7 billion (€ 2.0 billion excluding metal) in 2010 and currently employs some 14,400 people.