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PRESS RELEASE

David Sands Ltd scoops three prestigious industry awards

ONE of Scotland's leading independent convenience store chains, **David Sands Ltd**, has won three prestigious industry awards in the last month.

The Kinross-based company, which operates 22 stores in Fife, Kinross and Perthshire, was presented with the award for Best Retailer Voted by Suppliers at the high-profile Convenience Tracking Programme (CTP) Awards, organised by the London consultancy firm, Harris International Marketing.

David Sands was also voted Best Impulse Retailer Voted by Customers in the CTP initiative which identifies sales and profit improvement opportunities for retailers, suppliers, distributors and service providers within the convenience store industry.

The awards, this year presented at the Natural History Museum in London, are based on feedback from 30,000 convenience store shoppers and 3,500 store staff and managers, plus suppliers who rate retailers and vice-versa.

Meanwhile, the David Sands store at Tulloch, Perth won the Bread Retailer of the Year at the Scottish Local Retailer Awards, presented at Stirling Castle.

The store, managed by **Lorraine Ritchie**, has recently been refitted and upgraded to provide customers with a wider range of products and more modern shopping environment.

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David Sands, managing director of the convenience store chain, said: “We’re absolutely delighted to have won three leading industry awards in a matter of weeks and I give full credit to our dedicated and hard-working team of over 500 full and part-time staff.

“I am particularly delighted that our investment in the Tulloch store has been recognised in this way – the store lies right in the heart of its neighbourhood and is a focal point for the community.”

In 2005, David Sands invested £1.5 million in a purpose-built warehouse and head office facility in Kinross. Last year, the company acquired two more stores – St Andrews Street, Dunfermline and Wellesley Street, Methil – in a further investment representing £800,000.

The firm continues to seek expansion opportunities through further store acquisitions.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

- David Sands Ltd was founded in Kinross in 1812
- The company currently operates 22 stores in Fife, Kinross and Perthshire: Auchtermuchty; Bridge of Earn; Cardenden; Cowdenbeath; Crossford; Dunfermline; Perth (Darnhall Drive, Muirton, Oakbank and Tulloch); Kelty; Kennoway; Kinross, Kirkcaldy; Lochgelly (2 stores); Leven; Methilhill; Methil; Thornton; Strathmiglo; and Burntisland
- Most David Sands stores sell newspapers and magazines and many outlets offer a Post Office, in-store bakery, ATM, PayPoint and the National Lottery
- All stores are licensed to sell alcohol and all stores have a very strong fresh foods offer
- David Sands is a former president of the Scottish Grocers’ Federation and a director of the Nisa-Today’s group’s Central Distribution Services operation