

## Zen Internet Press Announcement

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### Zen recognised as Quality Employer

15 March 2006: Zen Internet, a Rochdale based Internet Service Provider (ISP), last night received an award for making a valuable contribution to local employment. The company received the employer award at the Greater Manchester Employer Coalition Awards in the SME Employer of the Year category. The winners were announced at a glittering awards dinner at The Renaissance Hotel in Manchester.

After recent success with a hat-trick at the ISPA (Internet Service Providers' Association) awards in the categories of Best Uncontended Service, Best Heavy Business Broadband and Best Business ISP, last month, Zen was pleased to have this level of recognition from the perspective of being an employer.

Caroline Taylor, HR Manager, Zen Internet commented: "Zen were delighted to receive the award! To reach the level of success we have in the broadband market can only be achieved with the right attitude as an employer. We like to give staff the opportunities to reach their full potential. We are well on the way to offering the best ISP service in the UK, and we will continue to open our doors to jobseekers in the North West."

Staff levels at Zen have risen considerably, from a starting headcount of 4 when Zen was established in 1995, to 22 in 2000 and now to over 200 employees in 2006 and more is to come in terms of job opportunities. Development of a new headquarters in Rochdale set for 2010 means that Zen will be able to offer further employment making Zen a business working hard to continue their success on all fronts.

Since 1995 Zen has helped put Rochdale on the map, with a reputation across the UK as a successful and reliable ISP. The company chooses to invest not just in the latest technologies but also in its workforce, and this consistency of quality across all elements is the key to Zen's success.

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### About Zen Internet:

Established in 1995, and one of the first ISPs in the UK, Zen Internet provides a full range of high quality services to the home and business user, from the latest in high speed DSL Broadband Internet access and complete hosting packages to state of the art Web site design and e-commerce solutions. Zen Internet won three awards in the 2006 ISPA's (Internet Service Providers' Association) in the categories of Best Uncontended Service, Best Heavy



Business Broadband and Best Business ISP. These followed an ISPA Best Light Business Broadband award in 2005 and the PC Pro Best ISP Broadband awards in 2004 and 2005.

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