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**ALUSID Wins Prestigious Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) Award**

ALUSID is delighted to announce that it has won this year's IChemE Global Award 2016 for Best Business Start-Up. The IChemE awards celebrate excellence, innovation and achievement in the chemical, biochemical and process industries.

ALUSID is based in Preston, Lancashire, where it manufactures SilicaStone<sup>®</sup> - an eco-architectural material made from 100% recycled glass and vitrified ceramic that would otherwise end up in landfill. Its unique, patent pending, process allows for materials to be created without the use of resin, cement or other binders, making it fire and heat resistant as well as making it recyclable at the end of its life.

SilicaStone<sup>®</sup> was designed as a uniquely adaptable alternative to natural stone products for use as feature walls for interiors and exterior cladding or as solid surfaces. It can be colored and finished in a variety of different shapes and textures all of which are UV stable and durable.

ALUSID is currently working on the design of an automated production plant with a major Italian tile equipment manufacturer in preparation for considerably upscaling production.

Dr Alasdair Bremner, Operations Manager at Alusid, said: *"To be recognised in such a strong field for this prestigious award is fantastic. For our work to be recognised for its innovation is testament to the dedication, enthusiasm and commitment of our team in creating a new benchmark for sustainability in construction and architecture."*

Neil Crabb, Director, said *"It is extremely satisfying to have secured this engineering award for a product which is manufactured from recycled materials, in a low environmental impact manufacturing process that produces zero waste, at a time when ethical manufacturing and sourcing is increasingly important for large corporations and public contracts."*

**Notes**

ALUSID – a university spinoff company – was born from a research project led by Professor David Binns and Dr Alasdair Bremner, at the University of Central Lancashire.

The company aims to be a leader in the supply of premium engineered sustainable architectural materials and remains at the forefront of this growing sector through continuous research and development.

The Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) is the global professional membership organisation for chemical engineering professionals and anyone involved with the process industries, including the emerging bioprocess sector. It has over 44,000 members in over 120 countries.

The IChemE awards were held at The Palace Hotel Manchester on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2016.

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**ALUSID Sustainable Surfaces**

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