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NEWCASTLE BUILDING SOCIETY RECOGNISED FOR INNOVATION IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT FS TECH AWARDS

Newcastle Building Society is celebrating after winning the Business Continuity award, and being shortlisted for a further three accolades at the 2009 Financial Sector Technology Awards (FST) last night.

The awards recognise excellence in the field of information technology and nominees were selected from across the UK and Europe. Newcastle was also shortlisted in the categories of Systems Integration of the Year, Anti-Fraud Strategy of the Year and IT Team of the Year. Since 2001, the Society has scooped seven wins at the FST awards and has been shortlisted consecutively in the last eight years.

The ninth FST awards were held on Thursday 26th March at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London and attracted guests from all sectors of the financial services industry.

Colin Greaves, Operations Director at Newcastle Building Society commented:

“We are delighted to have won the Business Continuity award and to have been shortlisted for three other categories in the prestigious FST awards. These nominations recognise our developed strength in the field of information systems for our financial services clients, and following eight consecutive years of success, we’re pleased to be recognised as an established organisation in this field.”

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About Newcastle Building Society

Newcastle Building Society is the biggest building society based in the North East and one of the strongest mutual building societies in the country. With assets under management of over £4.4bn we are certainly large enough to cope but small enough to care deeply about the needs of our members. We are committed to providing a range of innovative and attractive investment products.

The Society is committed to remaining mutual and by doing so we feel we are better placed to continue to provide our investors with the quality of service expected from one of the country's strongest building societies.

Previous successes:

- Shortlisted for FS Tech 2009 award in 4 categories - Anti-Fraud Strategy of the Year, Business Continuity, Systems Integration of the Year, IT Team of the Year and Business Continuity of the Year
- Shortlisted for FS Tech 2008 award in 3 categories - IT team of the year, Best Outsourcing Partner and Best use of e-commerce
- FS Tech 2007 Award 2007 - 'IT team of the year' and commended for 'Compliance Project of the year'
- FS Tech 2006 - 'Best outsourcing partnership of the year'
- FS Tech 2003 - 'Best use of contact centres'
- FS Tech 2003 - 'Most innovative use of CRM Technologies'
- FS Tech 2002 - 'Best use of CRM'
- FS Tech 2002 - 'Best use of Contact Centres'
- FS Tech 2001 - 'Best use of new media in customer facing environments'