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Impax Asset Management wins Impact Investor of the Year (Hong Kong) from The Asset and shortlisted by Financial News

Impax has been named as Impact Investor of the Year by The Asset in Hong Kong. This prestigious award highlights increasing interest from institutional investors in the environmental and resource scarcity sector and follows a significant expansion of Impax's business into Asia, with the commitment in 2011 to the opening of an investment office in Hong Kong.

The Asset Triple A Awards, now in their second decade, are Asia's defining recognition for excellence in the investment management sector. Their pre-eminent reputation has been built upon the stringent qualitative and quantitative methodology and a rigorous approach to the selection of the winner. The awards are adjudicated by The Asset's Board of Editors.

Impax was also shortlisted recently by Financial News for their Excellence in Institutional Asset Management Awards in the SRI/Sustainable Investment Manager of the year category where there was strong acknowledgement of the company's specialist expertise. The development of Impax's Asian business was also highlighted in the awards commentary.

Ian Simm, Chief Executive, Impax Asset Management comments:

"These results are further recognition of our investment philosophy and success in identifying long term investments in global solutions to resource scarcity. Pension funds and institutional investors are becoming more aware of the opportunities to harness superior returns in these rapidly expanding markets.

We opened our investment office in Hong Kong last year to advance our specialist sector research and insight in this region and it is gratifying to achieve this recognition from Asian investors."

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Founded in 1998, Impax Asset Management (“Impax”) was one of the world’s first managers dedicated to exploiting the investment opportunities created by resource scarcity and demand for cleaner, more efficient products and services through listed and private equity strategies.

Impax now manages £1.8 bn* for institutional and high net worth investors globally, and is committed to providing strong long-term risk-adjusted returns. The company’s team of 28 investment professionals has been assembled for over 13 years.

Impax’s listed equity funds seek out mis-priced companies that are set to benefit from the long-term trends of changing demographics, rising consumption, limited natural resources and urbanisation. Investment is focused on the alternative energy, water, waste and related markets. Impax’s private equity infrastructure funds invest in power generation assets in the renewable energy sector.

Impax is a thought leader in defining the environmental and resource scarcity markets, for example through a partnership with FTSE to develop and manage the classification system underpinning the FTSE Environmental Markets Index Series.

*as at 30 September, 2012.