

Business

Electric heating controlled by app

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A Thetford heating company has launched the UK's first electric heating system controlled by an app.

The innovative technology links a home's electric radiators to an app that can be used on a smart phone or tablet giving customers the ability to control which rooms to heat at certain times of the day.

Simona Arneodo, director of Intelli Heat, said the

ground-breaking system, called Wireless Home Application (WHAP), could save customers money on their power bills.

She said: "People have different lifestyles and don't necessarily work nine to five.

"This system means you can set up your heating how you like. If you are going to be late in from work you can set your heating to come on later.

"You could even programme your radiators from a tablet in New York.

"In the last five years home automation has been growing ever more popular. Ever-

rything in your home can be pre-programmed so there are a lot of savings to be made on your power bills.

"The difference between this and other gas or oil systems is that using the app you can control anything that is electrical – your garage door, lighting, hot water, alarm systems, even your curtains.

"There are already systems using gas or oil that can automate a home's heating but nothing for electrical heating - until now."

For more information on Intelli Heat visit www.intelligentheat.co.uk



INNOVATIVE: Company director Simona Arneodo with the groundbreaking app

Book to mark firm's 125 years

Ensors Chartered Accountants has published a book chronicling the history of the firm as part of its 125th anniversary celebrations. It is available to read online at www.ensors.co.uk/125book or email jane.newley@ensors.co.uk for a free copy.



GAMES JAM: West Suffolk College, in Bury St

Learn about video games industry

West Suffolk College will host a Games Jam event on May 30 and 31 for eight to 18-year-olds who are interested in the video games industry and want to understand and build games for themselves. The event is from 10am

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Business Surgery

Sohan Sidhu, partner, Gross & Co

Illegal worker could cost employer £10,000

Employers in the United Kingdom are required to make sure that every person they employ is legally permitted to work in the United Kingdom.

Businesses found to be employing migrant workers illegally can be subjected to a civil penalty of up to £10,000 per employee and those who run the business can also be subjected to criminal prosecution.

The Government is considering increasing the maximum civil penalty for employing each illegal worker from £10,000 to £20,000. Part of the Government rationale for this is that the current penalty of £10,000 has been the same since the scheme was introduced in 2008.

The business can also be named and shamed on the UK Border Agency (UKBA) website, which contains a list of businesses which have been subjected to a civil penalty.

Such businesses can also reputation to the business



is great and furthermore, such action can also have a grave impact upon migrant workers who are currently being

business.

It is also important to bear in mind that employers need to be careful not to discriminate and therefore all employees must be checked equally regardless of nationality.

Gross & Co has helped many employers here in the United Kingdom to protect themselves against UKBA intervention and will evaluate current business and HR systems, including undertaking

immigration audits.

The firm can also help with pre-hire assessment for prospective candidates in order to ensure that all appropriate requirements are fully satisfied.

For advice on this or any other immigration matter, Sohan Sidhu can be



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