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ECOBUILD SUCCESS FOR BONINGALE GREENSKY

Boningale GreenSky has revealed substantial global interest in its newly launched SkyPlugs and SkySuperstrates following their official unveiling at EcoBuild 2013.

The company, the green roof department of Boningale Nurseries that was set up in partnership with the University of Sheffield, exhibited for the first time at the design and construction event at London's ExCel in March and has reported significant interest in its green roof innovations.

It used the exhibition to launch its unique SkyPlugs, purposely engineered plants for green roofs that are grown in a unique blend of peat-free growing medium, and SkySuperstrates, which comprise four mixes of substrate that allow installers to choose the ideal medium, according to geographical location, rainfall and required maintenance.

The pioneering products have been specially engineered, following a three year research and development programme with the University of Sheffield to help designers and installers create long-lasting and high performance green roofs.

Maggie Fennell, Manager at Boningale GreenSky, confirmed that the SkyPlugs and SkySuperstrates attracted considerable international interest, as well as enquiries from organisations closer to home, including housing associations, architects, landscape architects, wildlife trusts, and contractors.

"Despite the show recording lower visitor numbers this year, we had a very positive response from a wide range of organisations from the UK and across the globe, and we are now busily following up those enquiries, as well as organising a number of CPD days for architects," she said.

"What was particularly interesting was the fact that we had a lot of interest for widened applications for our products, especially for using SkyPlugs in green / living walls – an application we are currently trialling with a number of academic and commercial partners.

The rationale behind this is that because our SkyPlugs are grown to establish quickly in harsh green roof substrates, they will perform better in those green wall systems which use a similar growing medium than the commonly used peat-grown equivalent.”

Following Eco-Build, Boningale GreenSky was also awarded a High Commendation in the Business Innovation of the Year category at the Horticulture Week’s Grower of the Year Awards, which celebrates excellence in the UK horticulture industry.

For more details about SkyPlugs and SkySuperstrates visit www.boningale-greensky.co.uk.

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