SOLAR PV M&Co (Mackays Stores Limited)





The M&Co clothing chain is an established high street retailer with more than 300 outlets across the UK. Their substantial instore electricity use meant that reducing their energy bills and becoming more self-sufficient in electricity production was a high priority.

From an initial list of almost 200 sites, Locogen carried out feasibility studies to determine which stores were best suited to solar PV. Among other things, Locogen considered roof suitability and size, access, planning and grid constraints, energy use, yield predictions and financial returns to come up with a shortlist of approximately 30 sites which had potential for development.

To date Locogen has installed around 800kWp of solar PV for M&Co. The largest system is a 460kWp installation on the company's head office at Inchinnan, Glasgow, which generates a large proportion of the site's energy use and brings in a new revenue stream from the Feed-in Tariff (FiT).

Other systems are installed on the M&Co stores in Alton, Castle Douglas, Crewkerne, Forfar, Largs, Midsomer Norton, Newport, Portishead and Warminster.

All the systems use market-leading REC Peak Energy Series panels and either ABB or SMA inverters. Locogen provided a turnkey service to M&Co, taking the projects from the initial feasibility study through to full commissioning and handover.

Locogen also installed specialist data loggers, connected to the Aurora Vision monitoring platform, at all of the solar PV sites, allowing M&Co to remotely monitor the performance of the systems to ensure they continue to operate efficiently.





"Our energy use is very high at M&Co and we have always been keen to offset this wherever possible. I have worked closely with Locogen for a number of years and was pleased to have them working on a solar portfolio for us. They provided clear and honest advice from the outset and the consenting, installation and handover process was faultless. We are delighted with the end result."

Neil McGeoch, Owner

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Locogen's team has several years' experience in the feasibility, design, installation, commissioning and operation of commercial solar PV schemes. We have completed installations throughout the UK for a range of agricultural, retail, industrial, manufacturing and public sector clients, working on a wide variety of pitched and flat roof types.

We have in-house consenting, design and installation teams as well as an Asset Management Team who can remotely monitor operational systems on a daily basis to ensure they are working efficiently. A list of some of our installations is provided below. Please contact us if you would like any advice on solar PV at your site.

COMPLETED SOLAR PV INSTALLATIONS

| Completed | Name | Size (KWp) | Location |
|-------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| 2010 | Glasgow University | 120 | Glasgow |
| 2011 | Dowhill Farm | 50 | Ayrshire |
| 2011 | Princes Gate Spring Water | 50 | Pembrokeshire |
| 2014 & 2015 | Auchrennie Farm | 150 | Angus |
| 2014 | West Mains of Colliston | 100 | Angus |
| 2014 | West Balmirmer Farm | 50 | Angus |
| 2014 | Kirkton of Monikie Farm | 50 | Dundee |
| 2014 | Newton of Boysack Farm | 82 | Angus |
| 2014 | Dubton Farm | 100 | Angus |
| 2014 | Easter Denhead Farm | 50 | Perthshire |
| 2014 | North Mains of Turin | 50 | Angus |
| 2014 | Myreton of Claverhouse | 30 | Angus |
| 2014 | Panlathy Mill | 50 | Angus |
| 2014 | Myrtle Grange Farm | 46 | North Yorkshire |
| 2014 | Newlands Farm | 50 | North Yorkshire |
| 2014 | Slade Farm | 50 | Angus |
| 2014 | Backboath Farm | 50 | Angus |
| 2014 | East Idvies Farm | 50 | Angus |
| 2014 & 2015 | M&Co – several UK retail stores | 800 | UK-wide |
| 2014 | Mains of Fordoun | 30 | Aberdeenshire |
| 2014 | Drumsleed Farm | 30 | Aberdeenshire |
| 2014 | Sootywells Farm | 50 | Aberdeenshire |
| 2014 | Mains of Luther | 45 | Aberdeenshire |
| 2014 | West Herdhill Farm | 50 | Angus |
| 2014 | West Mains | 30 | Perth |

| Completed | Name | Size (KWp) | Location |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 2014 | Newhouse of Glamis | 45 | Angus |
| 2015 | Lochlea Farm | 30 | Ayrshire |
| 2015 | Cairnfold Farm | 50 | Aberdeenshire |
| 2015 | Westerton of Pittarrow | 50 | Aberdeenshire |
| 2015 | Royal Botanic Garden | 10 | Midlothian |
| 2015 | Folly Farm | 250 | Pembrokeshire |
| 2015 | Prestige Leisure | 250 | West Lothian |
| 2015 | Groundwater Lift Trucks | 45 | Aberdeenshire |
| 2015 | Arbuthnott Wood Pellets | 30 | Aberdeenshire |
| 2015 | Cotton of Ovenstone Farm | 50 | Angus |
| 2015 | Sandhall Farm | 50 | North Yorkshire |
| 2015 | South Fornet Farm | 30 | Aberdeenshire |
| 2015 | Prieston Farm | 50 | Angus |
| 2015 | East Mains of Dunnichen | 30 | Angus |
| 2015 | Cotton of Pitkennedy | 50 | Angus |
| 2015 | Park Farm | 50 | East Riding of Yorkshire |
| 2015 | Rosefield Farm | 50 | Perth and Kinross |
| 2015 | Smithfield Farm | 50 | Angus |
| 2015 | Monifieth Golf Links | 12 | Angus |
| 2015 | Braeside of Bogfechel | 50 | Aberdeenshire |
| 2015 | The Hangar Shed | 45 | Aberdeenshire |
| 2015 | Pittrichie Farm | 50 | Aberdeenshire |
| 2015 & 2016 | JJ Food Service Limited - 2 sites | 500 | Kent and Greater London |
| 2016 | Fletcherfield Farm | 50 | Angus |
| 2016 | Pluckerston Farm | 136 | Angus |





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