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## Just one month left to enter LivCom Awards 2012 in Al Ain

Cities wanting to enter this year's LivCom Awards set to be hosted in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi have just one month remaining to register.

The city of Al Ain, United Arab Emirates, is set to play host the 2012 finals of the International Awards for Liveable Communities (22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> November).

At the awards finals, which have been held every year since 1997, judges evaluate the approach to individual criteria for sustainable development – enhancement of the landscape, heritage management, environmentally-sensitive practices, community sustainability and planning for the future.

The finals, which see representatives of the various towns and cities make their case to an international jury, last for five days, culminating in an awards ceremony. The closing date for entries to the 2012 finals is 31st May. For more information please contact tel/fax: +44 (0) 118 946 1680 E-mail: info@livcomawards.com

LivCom founder and CEO Alan Smith said: "The Finals of the 2011 LivCom Awards held in Songpa, Seoul, South Korea, was an historic event. At the Seminar, which is held in association with each final, and at the gala night, there were over 500 delegates. Never before, anywhere in the world, have so many individuals, all having practical concern for the local environment, been brought together. I believe that LivCom 2012 in Al Ain will be equally memorable and a further important step forward for our community in sharing of knowledge and

enhancing the quality of life through the improvement of the local environment, in accordance with the LivCom Criteria."

The International Awards for Liveable Communities (The LivCom Awards) was launched in 1997 and is endorsed by the United Nations Environment Programme, with which it partners an MoU.

LivCom is non-political, embracing all nations and cultures, and over 50 countries are represented within the Awards. The LivCom Awards are the only forum in which International Best Practice may be observed and developed, and participation in the Awards is an investment in the future of a community.