


FIRMS ENDURING ELECTRICITY OUTAGES: with demand set to increase

Businesses are hampered by unreliable electricity according to a major new survey of more than 1,000 business leaders published on 29 November 2019 by British Chambers of Commerce and Drax.



33%
of UK businesses have experienced an electricity outage in past twelve months





Demand for electricity is set to intensify...


27% of UK businesses expect their dependence on electricity to increase

34% of manufacturers expect their dependence on electricity to increase




Many firms are changing their practices to reduce waste and emissions. When asked which measures businesses had taken in the last 12 months...

			
61%	54%	49%	41%
Increased recycling	Installed LED lighting	Reduced paper consumption	Reduced other waste



"Electricity providers, industry, regulators and government must work together to accelerate improvements in generation and supply."

Dr Adam Marshall Director General, British Chambers of Commerce



"Electricity demand is expected to rise as the economy digitises and sectors such as heating and transportation decarbonise. With weather-dependent wind and solar set to generate more power than ever we're going to need more fast-acting and flexible electricity generation to maintain a reliable grid."

Will Gardiner Drax Group CEO