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Unipart wins International Health and Safety Award

Unipart Group has achieved the top rating for two of its sites in the 2012 British Safety Council International Safety Awards. Unipart's Distribution Centre in Oxford and its Nuneaton Mobile Device Repair Centre both achieved distinctions in the awards, putting them amongst the best in the world for workplace health and safety.

These long-established awards recognise companies across the world which have demonstrated a proven commitment to workplace health and safety. Around 550 companies from a range of sectors across the United Kingdom, eastern Asia, the Middle East and India were recognised in this year's awards with only 125 achieving a distinction.

Announcing the results Alex Botha, chief executive of the British Safety Council, said: "We send our warmest congratulations to all 550 winners. Over the last year I have had the opportunity to meet with the managers and employees of a number of the winning organisations and have been struck by the commitment and dedication they have shown to managing health and safety in a proportionate, sensible and effective manner.

"What the winners have demonstrated is that well managed health and safety ensures the safety and wellbeing of their employees, contributes to business effectiveness and success. The health and safety of employees is non-negotiable and the winners have shown their determination, like us, to ensure that no one is killed, injured or made ill by work activities."

Commenting on this award, Frank Burns Managing Director of Unipart Logistics said:

"This award demonstrates Unipart's deep commitment to the highest standards of health and safety and shows our both our existing and potential new clients that we are dedicated to maintaining world class operations that ensure the safety of our people.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank all employees at the Cowley and Nuneaton sites for ensuring that health and safety has the highest priority. This fantastic achievement marks them out as amongst the best in the world for health and safety practices and is an award of which we should all be very proud.”

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Editors' Notes:

About The Unipart Group

The Unipart Group employs around 10,000 personnel worldwide and has an annual turnover of more than £1billion. It is a leading full service logistics provider and consultant in operational excellence.

Operating across a range of market sectors, including automotive, leisure, marine, manufacturing, mobile telecoms, rail, retail and technology, Unipart offers a breadth of services from third party logistics to expert consultancy.

All Unipart sites operate according to the Group's proprietary version of Lean known as The Unipart Way. This is a philosophy of working underpinned by tools and techniques that inspires efficiency, flexibility and outstanding customer service in any process.

Unipart also offers expert consultancy in implementing Lean principles and in supply chain management across a variety of industry sectors.

The Group's clients include Sainsbury's, ASOS.com, Homebase, Vodafone, BMW, Three, Sky, Aston Martin, Jaguar Land Rover.