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Unipart wins “best of best” awards for excellence in both Health and Safety and Environmental Management

Unipart Logistics has achieved a double accolade, by winning top ratings for its Health and Safety performance and for its Environmental Management excellence in 2012.

Four sites have all received the prestigious Sword of Honour award from the British Safety Council, the pinnacle of achievement in world class health and safety management . They are:

- the Nuneaton Distribution Centre in the Midlands,
- the Fulfilment Centre in Rugby,
- the Repair and Returns Centre at Baginton in Coventry
- and the Cowley Distribution Centre in Oxford.

In addition, the Cowley Distribution Centre was one of only six organisations worldwide to achieve the double award for excellence in winning both the Sword of Honour and the Globe of Honour. The Globe of Honour award scheme was launched in 2010 to recognise exemplary environmental management. The winners have to complete the British Safety Council’s five star environmental audit before demonstrating that they go beyond compliance and strive for best practice in all areas of environmental management.

Announcing the results, Alex Botha, chief executive of the British Safety Council said, “On behalf of the British Safety Council, I warmly congratulate the winning organisations and their employees. The winning organisations came from a wide range of sectors ...what unites them is their shared belief that proportionate and competent risk management brings both financial and social benefits to their organisations”

Commenting on the awards, Frank Burns, Managing Director of Unipart Logistics said;

“The Sword of Honour award demonstrates Unipart’s deep commitment to the highest standards of health and safety, and shows 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 the employees at Nuneaton, Rugby, Baginton and Cowley for ensuring health and safety has the highest priority. This is a fantastic achievement; for four of our sites to achieve global recognition out of only 79 organisations to achieve this standard, marks our people out as amongst the best in the world for health and safety practices and are awards of which we should be very proud.

“To also achieve an exemplary standard of environmental management at our Cowley site demonstrates Unipart’s ongoing commitment and passion for environmental management.”

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Editors’ Notes:

In order to qualify for the Sword of Honour, an organisation must have achieved the maximum rating in the British Safety Council’s five star health and safety stringent management system audit. They must also have demonstrated to an independent adjudication panel a culture of best practice for health and safety throughout the business – from the boardroom to the shopfloor.

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.

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