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**News release**

**[COMPANY NAME] AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS [HEALTH AND SAFETY] [AND/OR] [ ENVIRONMENTAL] MANAGEMENT AWARD**

[Company name] has won a prestigious Sword of Honour [and/or] (delete as applicable) Globe of Honour from British Safety Council.

The company [insert summary sentence about the company and its winning site/division, where applicable] was one of 115 organisations worldwide that achieved a Sword of Honour, awarded to companies which have demonstrated excellence in the management of health and safety risks at work.

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[Company name] was one of 9 organisations worldwide presented with a Globe of Honour, which is awarded to companies which have demonstrated excellence in environmental management.

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[Insert company name here if double winner] was one of 4 organisations worldwide which won the ‘double’, both the Sword of Honour and Globe of Honour. They are awarded to organisations that have demonstrated excellence in the management of health, safety and environmental risks.

In order to compete for the [Sword of Honour] [and/or] [Globe of Honour] (\*amend or delete as applicable), an organisation first had to achieve the maximum five stars in British Safety Council’s [health and safety] [and/or] [environmental] (\*amend or delete as applicable) management audit scheme. The qualification period for this is between 1 August 2022 and 31 July 2023. The organisation has also demonstrated to an independent panel of experts that it has achieved excellence in its [health and safety] [and/or] [environmental] management (\*amend or delete as applicable) throughout the business – from the shop floor to the boardroom.

For the first time this year, a new Shield of Honour Award was also introduced for organisations which can demonstrate excellence in wellbeing management.

**Peter McGettrick, Chairman of British Safety Council, said:** “On behalf of the board of trustees and staff of the British Safety Council I would like to congratulate [company name] on achieving the highest standards of its [health and safety] [and/or] [ environmental] management. These awards recognise the commitment, dedication and absolute professionalism undertaken. We are proud to support your organisation in its achievement and delighted we can contribute to your ongoing success.”

**Mike Robinson, Chief Executive of British Safety Council, added:** “I would like to congratulate [company name] and its staff on this award, in tribute to their commitment to keeping their workplace safe and healthy and/or contributing to safeguarding the environment.

“All of the Sword and Globe – and now Shield – award-winning organisations share a commitment and resolve to achieve the uppermost standards of [health and safety] [and/or] [ environmental] – or now wellbeing. We thank [company name] for contributing to achieving our vision that *no-one should be injured or made ill through their work.”*

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**Notes to editors**

**Photographic requests**
We will be holding a luncheon event to announce and celebrate the winners of this year’s Sword and Globe awards. The event will take place at Drapers Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London on Friday 24 November between 12pm and 4pm. **Journalists and photographers who would like to attend should contact Julian Quigley** using the below email address.

**About the awards**
The 2023 awards mark the 44th consecutive year in which British Safety Council has awarded the [Sword of Honour](https://britsafe.org/awards-and-events/awards/sword-globe-and-shield-of-honour/) for health and safety management excellence and the eleventh year of awarding the [Globe of Honour](http://www.britsafe.org/GOH) for excellence in environmental management. For the first time, the new [Shield of Honour](https://britsafe.org/awards-and-events/awards/sword-globe-and-shield-of-honour/) has also been awarded by British Safety Council for wellbeing excellence.

The winners achieved the maximum five stars in British Safety Council’s independent [Five Star health and safety and/or environmental management and/or wellbeing audits](http://www.britsafe.org/audit-and-consultancy) in the period 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 in the UK. They also demonstrated to an independent adjudication panel that they had a proven track record and culture of best practice for excellence in health and safety or environmental management that runs throughout the business, from the shop floor to the boardroom.

**About British Safety Council**British Safety Council believes that no-one should be injured or made ill through their work.

Since its foundation in 1957, British Safety Council has campaigned tirelessly to protect workers from accidents, hazards and unsafe conditions, and played a decisive role in the political process that has led to the adoption of landmark safety legislation in the UK. Its members in more than 60 countries are committed to protecting and improving the wellbeing of workers, believing that a healthy and safe work environment is also good for business.

We are a registered charity (Charity No. 1097271 and OSCR No. SC037998). As part of its charitable work, British Safety Council leads health and safety networking forums for numerous sectors, facilitates and promotes best practice in the UK and overseas. It also offers a range of services and products, including training, qualifications, publications, audits and awards. British Safety Council works closely with organisations, charities and individuals who share its vision of ensuring that every worker goes home at the end of the day as healthy as they were when they went to work.

We would be grateful if you could use British Safety Council in full rather than abbreviating to BSC when quoting our organisation.

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