



Press Release

Pentagon Wins Prestigious Industry Award

Pentagon's spectacular business transformation has been recognised and celebrated by its UK peers by winning in the manufacturing category at the 2008 Chemical Industry Association Awards for Excellence held at the Royal Armouries in Leeds.

Short-listed in five different categories, more than any other UK business, Pentagon's Fine Chemicals Facility was the winner of the prestigious ABB sponsored Manufacturing Award.

This Award goes to the company or operating unit that best demonstrated overall excellence in manufacturing performance...

" The Product Improvement Team has successfully implemented a programme which led to highly enhanced yield and quality, whilst also resulting in a reduction in change-over time and 50% increased output, at the same time as reducing waste, all of which has helped ensure sustainability of the business"

Pentagon achieved this recognition alongside fellow finalists Aesica Pharmaceuticals, Johnson Matthey Catalysts, Lucite, and LyondellBasell.



Pentagon was also short-listed for the Company of the Year Award sponsored by Haden Freeman. Innospec Specialty Chemicals the ultimate winners have demonstrated their own impressive business transition over the last few years.

In addition, Pentagon was short-listed for a further three awards;

Pentagon's Specialties Business Unit achieved recognition in the Skills Award which rewards the company that has done most to contribute to the acquisition of skills through its workforce. Pentagon stands alongside this year's winners, Lucite International, and the other finalists, Bayer Cropscience, Millennium Inorganics, and Syngenta as fully recognising the importance of a well trained and well motivated workforce.

Pentagon's Fine Business Unit featured in the Resource Efficiency Award and the Energy and Low Carbon Award, sponsored by British Energy, along with BP Oil UK, Evonik Goldschmidt, Shell UK Oil Products, Robinson Brothers and Warwick International Limited.

Again, with Pentagon's sustained focus on manufacturing excellence, its success in harnessing resources efficiently and minimising its carbon footprint were inevitable results.

Other supporting information:

Pentagon, an independent UK-based business owned by its management, is well on the way to the successful transformation of its businesses since acquiring long-established sites from blue-chip multi-nationals.

Pentagon's business model operates toll and contract manufacture agreements, along with a range of own products derived from an impressive array of technologies, including Phosgene, Grignard, Sodium dispersion, Maleic anhydride chemistry and Halogenation.

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