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Siemens Awarded Prestigious Health and Safety Management Award

Siemens Energy Management Division's Nemo Link HVDC Interconnector Project has won a prestigious Sword of Honour from the British Safety Council.

Siemens UK Energy Management division was one of 57 organisations worldwide that achieved a Sword of Honour, which is awarded to companies which have demonstrated excellence in the management of health and safety risks at work.

Mike Robinson, Chief Executive of the British Safety Council, said: "On behalf of the trustees and staff of the British Safety Council, I would like to congratulate Siemens and its staff for their huge commitment to keeping their workplaces safe and healthy and minimising risks to the environment from their organisations' day-to-day activities.

"All of the Sword and Globe winning organisations share a commitment and resolve to achieving the highest standards of health, safety and environmental management. We are delighted that they are partners in helping achieve our vision that no one should be injured or made ill at work."

In order to compete for the Sword of Honour, an organisation first had to achieve the maximum five stars in the British Safety Council's health and safety management audit scheme in the period August 2016 – July 2017. They have also demonstrated to an independent panel of experts that they are excellent in their health and safety management throughout the business – from the shopfloor to the boardroom. The audit goes far beyond the requirements of current health and safety management systems such as OHSAS 18001. Undertaking this audit allows organisations to demonstrate commitment to achieving excellence in health and safety standards to employees, clients and other stakeholders.

The Nemo Link HVDC interconnector will connect the UK and Belgian's electricity systems via subsea cables, allowing the two countries to trade electricity. This interconnector will operate between Herdersbrug in Belgium and Richborough in Kent, England. It was the Siemens Energy Management Health and Safety Management Systems and the site of the converter station in Richborough which were the focus of the British Safety Council assessment.

Carl Ennis, Managing Director, Siemens Energy Management in the UK & Ireland said: "Our zero harm philosophy is very clear. It has to be rooted in the hearts and minds of all our employees that safety comes first - so no matter what the contract is, how important the customer, or how close the deadline. We will not compromise on safety and we will constantly strive to protect the health and safety of our people, partners and the public".

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About the awards

The 2017 awards mark the 38th consecutive year that the British Safety Council has awarded the [Sword of Honour](#) for health and safety management excellence and the seventh year of awarding the [Globe of Honour](#) for excellence in environmental management.

The winners achieved the maximum five stars in the British Safety Council's independent [Five Star health and safety and/or environmental management audits](#) in the period 1 August 2016 – 31 July 2017. 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 shopfloor to the boardroom.

The winning organisations will be invited to a [luncheon](#) at Drapers' Hall in the City of London on Friday 24 November 2017 to celebrate and share their success. This event will be an enjoyable way to network and share experiences and knowledge about how best to keep workers safe and healthy and to ensure sustainable business practices.

Photographic requests

Images of the Sword and Globe of Honour awards and last year's awards presentation luncheon are available from: anna.ryland@britsafe.org

About the British Safety Council

For more than half a century we've been a trusted guide to excellent health, safety and environmental management. We have educated millions of workers and made hundreds of thousands of workplaces safer for everyone. We do this by sharing information, supporting, advising, educating and campaigning. We are a membership organisation and a charity.

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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