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Siemens scoops top accolade in industry 'Oscars'

More than 600 people employed within Siemens Rolling Stock's Service division have been honoured as the best in the business in the industry 'Oscars'. The company was awarded the Maintenance Team of the Year accolade at the prestigious National Rail Awards 2009 last night (17 September).

As the only company that maintains service contracts for every train it has sold in the UK, the Siemens team was commended by the judges for making a huge difference to the smooth running of the country's railways. The judges said: "This maintenance team has redoubled its efforts to deliver... It meets its targets, improved the reliability of its fleets, and now runs the most reliable trains in the UK. For its quality, scope and customer endorsement - as well as the sheer reliability of the trains in its care - the Siemens maintenance team is a worthy winner."

Service Director Steve White commented: "I am absolutely delighted that our people, who strive for excellence each day, have been honoured with such a prestigious award. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their ongoing support in helping Siemens maintain its position as an industry leader."

Steve Scrimshaw, Managing Director Rolling Stock, added: This award is a credit to all the people involved in the service and maintenance of our 300-strong fleet across the country. Their combined hard work, dedication, commitment, and most importantly teamwork, continues 24 hours a day, every day of the year - delivering safe, clean and reliable trains to meet our customers' expectations."

The Siemens' service and maintenance business employs over 600 hand-picked people who work across 10 different fleets of trains. In addition to having outstanding rail-industry expertise, the team incorporates staff from diverse industry sectors such as Formula One, aerospace and yacht building to ensure best practice solutions gained in

high pressure environments can be implemented effectively. The team operates a 'pit-stop' maintenance regime to ensure maximum availability of trains.

This is not the first time that Siemens maintenance capabilities have been lauded by the industry. In addition to multiple 'Golden Spanner' and other rail-focused awards, Siemens is the only UK rail maintenance company that has been 'recognised for excellence' by the British Quality Foundation.

Now in their tenth year, the National Rail Awards were launched to recognise excellence and achievement in the rail industry. The awards were presented at a glittering ceremony held at The Grosvenor House Hotel in London and attended by around 1,200 key industry personnel.



Managing Director Steve Scrimshaw and his team accept their award

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Notes to editors:

About Siemens in the UK

Siemens was established in the United Kingdom 166 years ago and now employs 18,402 people in the UK. Last year's revenues were £3.7 billion. As a leading global engineering and technology services company, Siemens provides innovative solutions to help tackle the world's major challenges, across the key sectors of energy, industry and healthcare. Siemens has offices and factories throughout the UK, with its headquarters in Frimley, Surrey. The company's global headquarters is in Munich, Germany. For more information, visit www.siemens.co.uk

As part of Siemens in the UK, Siemens Mobility employs around 1800 people, providing expertise and technology in rolling stock, rail infrastructure, traffic solutions and infrastructure logistics to the UK transport industry.

In Rolling Stock, Siemens Mobility provides and maintains passenger trains for First TransPennine Express, South West Trains, Heathrow Express, National Express East Anglia, Northern Trains and London Midland. New trains are currently in production for ScotRail.

With proven capability in rail automation, Siemens Mobility has recently delivered a major re-signalling project in the Portsmouth areas, traction power upgrades across the UK and new telecommunications systems in London and the west of England. It is also developing the GSM-R cab radio solution for the entire UK rolling stock fleet. For more information on Siemens Mobility please visit www.siemens.co.uk/mobility.

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