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SIEMENS INDUSTRY AUTOMATION AND DRIVE TECHNOLOGIES WINS UK'S TOP EXCELLENCE AWARD

Siemens Industry Automation and Drive Technologies has won the British Quality Foundation's 2011 UK Excellence Award, the UK's leading business award. It was selected by an independent awards jury for its outstanding performance and sustained competitiveness.

Siemens Industry Automation & Drive Technologies (IA&DT), which produces operationally and energy efficient solutions for a wide range of industries, was presented with its award at the UK Excellence Awards 2011 ceremony which took place on Thursday 13 October at the InterContinental London Park Lane.

This is the third year where Siemens IA&DT has been a finalist at these prestigious awards marking its journey to excellence using the EFQM (European Foundation for Quality Management) model.

The judges from the British Quality Foundation highlighted that Siemens' 'Power of One' business strategy pervades everything, and there is clear and inspirational leadership from the MD and the senior management team. Strong leadership and accountability cascades from the senior management team down to the wider management group, who were critical to the development of the vision and mission and who also effectively role model them.

Juergen Maier, managing director, Siemens Industry UK, said: "This award is genuinely one of the highest accolades any organisation in the UK can achieve and we are very proud to be working with a great team who we know

have all pulled together to achieve this outstanding result. We would like to extend our particular thanks to Sue Bagguley and her team for all their dedication and hard work through the submission process and to acknowledge the efforts of the extended team past and present who helped to make this happen. This makes us officially one of the Best Companies in the UK."

Sue Bagguley, head of business excellence & programme management at Siemens, said: "Because we are communicating strongly with our workforce and they feel invested in our success as a business, motivation is at an all-time high."

Joe Goasdoué, Chief Executive of the BQF, said: "Winning the UK Excellence Award is a fantastic achievement for any organisation. By demonstrating exceptional organisational excellence, Siemens Industry Automation and Drive Technologies has now joined the elite club of UK Excellence Award winners."

Launched in 1994, the UK Excellence Award recognises organisations which have demonstrated excellence in all areas of operation, and uses the EFQM Excellence Model as its criteria for success.

Siemens IA&DT is one of three organisations to win the 2011 Award – the other two are Bishop Burton College and St Anne's Primary School in Derry Northern Ireland.

Siemens' Motion Controls Division based in Congleton was also a finalist at the awards in the Sustainable Future category with its 'Think Green' campaign.

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About Siemens in the UK

Siemens was established in the United Kingdom 168 years ago and now employs around 16,000 people in the UK. Last year's revenues were £4.1 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 infrastructure & cities, 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

About Siemens Industry Automation & Drive Technologies

As part of the Siemens Industry Sector in the UK, Siemens Industry Automation & Drive Technologies employs 2000 people in the UK, working with customers in a wide range of industries from automotive and chemical to aerospace, food and construction. Products supplied by Industry Automation & Drive Technologies include standard products for the manufacturing and process industries and for the electrical installation industry, as well as system solutions and total solutions for industries such as the automation of entire automobile plants.

UK Excellence Awards 2011

The UK Excellence Awards are run annually by the British Quality Foundation (BQF) and feature the presentation of the UK Excellence Award, the BQF Achievement Awards, the Lean Six Sigma Award and the BQF Gold Medal Award for Excellence. For more information, visit <http://www.bqf.org.uk/award-ceremony>

UK Excellence Award

The UK Excellence Award is one of the highest accolades any organisation in the UK can achieve. Launched in 1994, it recognises organisations which have demonstrated excellence in all areas of operation. Entrants for the award are assessed against the EFQM Excellence Model, a management framework used by over 30,000 organisations in Europe and beyond. It enables organisations to assess their degree of excellence and helps them to understand their key strengths and the areas in which they need to improve. Previous winners include Wakefield & District Housing, Ricoh UK Products Ltd and Siemens Healthcare. For more information, please visit <http://www.bqf.org.uk/awards/uk-excellence-award>

British Quality Foundation

Founded in 1993 by Government and leading UK businesses, the British Quality Foundation (BQF) is an independent, not-for-profit, corporate membership organisation. With nearly 700 members spanning the public, voluntary and private sectors, it is the community for every business seeking excellent insights, tools and experiences to improve itself. As a Primary Partner of EFQM, the BQF is the only organisation able to provide their full range of products and services, based around the EFQM Excellence Model, in the UK. The BQF's Patron is HRH The Princess Royal and current President is David Callaghan, Managing Director of Oracle Corporation UK, Ireland and Israel. For further information, please visit <http://www.bqf.org.uk/>

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