

Press Release

TOP SAFETY ACCREDITATION FOR ADVANCED HANDLING LTD

Local business Advanced Handling has been awarded accreditation from safecontractor for its commitment to achieving excellence in health and safety. safecontractor is a leading third party accreditation scheme which recognises very high standards in health and safety management amongst UK contractors.

Employing 26 people at their office and manufacturing facility in Market Deeping, Peterborough, Advanced Handling is principally involved in the manufacture of materials handling equipment, being one of the largest manufacturers of bespoke handling equipment in the UK, supplying, installing and servicing equipment across a range of industries with clients such as Eurostar, Coca-Cola, TESCO, Sainsbury's, GlaxoSmithKline, Cummins and many more global, national and local organisations.

“The safecontractor accreditation is a valuable asset for our business and we have been a member of the scheme for some years. Now we are part of the Sunnex Group, we are pleased to be able to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to maintaining the highest standards of health and safety are very happy to have received our renewed accreditation,” Liz Middleton, Commercial Director commented.

safecontractor accreditation will enhance the company’s ability to attract new contracts and its commitment to safety will be viewed positively by its insurers when the company liability policy is up for renewal.

safecontractor is applicable to most sectors although it is particularly relevant to food manufacture, property, facilities management, retail and leisure sectors, all of which are big users of contracted services.

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John Kinge, technical director of safecontractor said, "Major organisations simply cannot afford to run the risk of employing contractors who are not able to prove that they have sound health and safety policies in place."

"More companies need to understand the importance of adopting good risk management in the way that Advanced Handling has done. The firm's high standard has set an example which hopefully will be followed by other companies within the sector.

safecontractor plays a vital role in supporting our clients in meeting their compliance needs, whilst working with their contractors as they progress through the accreditation process."

Under the safecontractor scheme, businesses undergo a vetting process which examines health and safety procedures and their track record for safe practice. Those companies meeting the high standard are included on a database, which is accessible to registered users only via a website.

Client-organisations who sign up to the scheme can access the database, enabling them to vet potential contractors before they even set foot on site. These clients agree that, as users of the scheme, they will engage only those who have received accreditation.

Over one hundred and seventy major nation-wide businesses, from several key sectors, have signed up to use the scheme when selecting contractors for services such as building, cleaning, maintenance, refurbishment or electrical and mechanical work.

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Note to Editors:

safecontractor is a third party accreditation scheme that assesses health and safety arrangements. Many major clients recognise the scheme and accept the safecontractor certificate as confirmation of competency.

Advanced Handling has designed, manufactured and distributed materials handling solutions for organisations across the UK, Europe and Worldwide for over 35 years. Located in Peterborough, Advanced Handling specialises in standard and bespoke materials handling and lifting equipment, reducing health and safety risks and improving efficiency across a wide range of industries.
www.advancedhandling.co.uk

Sunnex Group is a privately owned business group operating across 20 companies covering the fields of lifting, lighting and medical industries. The core business is centred around own label products and brands. The group operates in two business divisions; **Sunnex Industrial** and **Sunnex Lighting & Medical**. In total the group businesses employ approximately 300 people with wholly owned operations in 10 countries. Through efficient distribution networks and subsidiaries the group reaches customers and users all over the world. In 2011 the group turnover was approximately £40 million. Sunnex Group is part of the privately owned business group Amplex. Companies and brands in the Sunnex Lifting Group: PRONOMIC, Movomech, BD LIFT, Finnlift, Advanced Handling. www.sunnexgroup.se

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