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Gen2 picks up a prestigious RoSPA Award for seventh year running

Gen2 has been awarded a prestigious medal at the RoSPA Health and Safety Awards 2017.

The company, based at Lillyhall, achieved the Gold Medal award in the annual scheme run by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA). This also marks Gen2's seventh consecutive Gold Medal award from RoSPA.

They will be presented with the award during a ceremony at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole hotel on Wednesday, July 12, 2017. The award was achieved during a special year for family-safety charity RoSPA, as it celebrates its centenary.

Through the RoSPA Awards scheme, which is open to businesses and organisations of all types and sizes from across the UK and overseas, judges consider entrants' overarching occupational health and safety management systems, including practices such as leadership and workforce involvement. The awards are now in its 61st year.

Gen2 Chief Executive Officer, Mike Smith OBE, said: "We are tremendously proud to have yet again been awarded the RoSPA Gold Medal for our outstanding health and safety performance. To be awarded this prestigious award is testament of our staff's hard work and commitment in ensuring the safety of our learners through personal supervision, high quality instruction, and the adherence at all times to our safety policies and practices. The award is particularly impressive when you consider that the vast majority of people in the organisation are apprentice learners aged 16-18, who join us with little or no prior health and safety knowledge and work and learn on a daily basis within an industrial workshop environment."

Julia Small, RoSPA's head of awards and events, said: "The RoSPA Awards are the most prestigious in the world of occupational health and safety, and held in high regard

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around the world, as winning one demonstrates an organisation's commitment to maintaining an excellent health and safety record. Achieving the standard required is no mean feat.

"This is a special year in the history of RoSPA, and we congratulate all of our winners in this, our centenary year".

The majority of awards are non-competitive and mark achievement at merit, bronze, silver and gold levels. Gold medals, president's awards and orders of distinction are presented to organisations sustaining the high standards of the gold level over consecutive years. For the first time in 2017, the Patron's Award has been presented to those organisations that have achieved consecutive gold awards for 25 years or more.

Competitive awards go to the best entries in 24 industry sectors including construction, healthcare, transport and logistics, engineering, manufacturing and education.

There are specialist awards for occupational health, environmental management and fleet safety, and excellence trophies for the best international, new entry, workforce involvement and organisation operating or based in Scotland. RoSPA's top accolade is the Sir George Earle Trophy.

Headline sponsor of the RoSPA Awards 2017 is NEBOSH – the National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health – for the 12th consecutive year.

For more information about the RoSPA Awards visit www.rospace.com/awards

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