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Unipart rated amongst Britain's safest companies

Unipart Logistics, a leading third party logistics provider and consultant in operational excellence, has been awarded the British Safety Council (BSC) 5 Star Award for achieving the highest levels of health & safety at its Cowley Distribution Centre. The site achieved a 96.2% rating - considered an outstanding achievement for a first five star audit.

The BSC audit is an internationally recognised system for managing health and safety, focusing on five key areas: safety organisation; management control systems; emergency control systems; management of accidents/incidents/near misses/damage reporting; and workplace implementation. It uses a risk-based rating system to evaluate each element which feeds into an audit report to provide a clear and quantifiable benchmark of a site's performance.

Steve Allsworth, Cowley Health and Safety Compliance Manager said:

"The team at the Cowley site have worked hard to integrate Health & Safety into our operating processes using the tools and techniques of the Unipart Way."

"What has been key to our success is developing a culture that demonstrates that Health & Safety is everyone's responsibility. This has been led by the leadership team and reaches right through to the teams working within the Distribution Centre. In addition comprehensive formal and informal audits and walk rounds have played a major role".

Commenting on the award, Frank Burns, Managing Director of Unipart Logistics said:

"Our philosophy of working – the Unipart Way – not only delivers outstanding customer satisfaction but also continuously improves the working environment for all our employees.

"This award is evidence of the quality and hard work that the team at the Cowley Distribution Centre have put in to create an outstandingly safe environment and demonstrates Unipart's commitment to maintain, and constantly improve our health and safety performance."

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Editors' Notes:

About The Unipart Group

The Unipart Group employs more than 10,000 personnel worldwide and has an annual turnover of more than £1billion. It is a leading full service logistics provider and consultant in operational excellence.

Operating across a range of market sectors, including automotive, leisure, marine, manufacturing, mobile telecoms, rail, retail and technology, Unipart offers a breadth of services from third party logistics to expert consultancy.

All Unipart sites operate according to the Group's proprietary version of Lean known as The Unipart Way. This is a philosophy of working underpinned by tools and techniques that inspires efficiency, flexibility and outstanding customer service in any process.

Unipart also offers expert consultancy in implementing Lean principles and in supply chain management across a variety of industry sectors.

The Group's clients include Sainsbury's, ASOS.com, Homebase, Vodafone, 3, BSkyB, Jaguar Land Rover, and HMRC.