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TOP SAFETY AWARD FOR FUGRO GEOS

Fugro GEOS Ltd, the global provider of oceanographic and meteorological services, has been awarded a British Safety Council International Safety Award for 2004 from the British Safety Council – an award that is designed to recognise ‘Excellence in Safety’.

Award winners include large and small enterprises all over the country, from the public and private sectors. Only companies with below average accident rates are eligible to apply and they faced a tough test in order to satisfy the independent Awards Panel.

In addition to low accident rates, winners must also have good safety policies and safety plans and commitment to health and safety at the highest board level. They must detail their health and safety officers' qualifications and provide details of significant advances they have made in health and safety for the year.

David Ballard, Director General of the British Safety Council, says: "The International Safety Awards highlight organisations that demonstrate commitment to health and safety. They are a mark of a proven and significant achievement in safety standards. By making safety an important feature of everyday work practice, Fugro GEOS is reducing accidents and health while improving productivity and profitability."

Prime Minister Tony Blair sent a message to winners via his office: "At its best, sensible health and safety should be about managing risks, rather than trying to eliminate them altogether. Managing risks has a benefit not just to employees, but also to the economy as a whole, helping to tackle the 39 million days lost each year to ill health and injuries."

"Health and safety are of paramount importance to our organisation in all our operations," says Garry Mardell, Operations Director, Fugro GEOS. "As members of the British Safety Council, we are firmly committed to maintaining and improving our good record with regard to health safety and the environment and must be able to demonstrate our commitment to HSE best practice worldwide. This Award is a great achievement, and all members of the Fugro GEOS team will continue to be vigilant and take personal responsibility for our continuing excellent health and safety record."

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