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British Precast's OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARD

The 2010 British Precast Awards saw two individuals received outstanding achievement awards.

ROY BROSTER, Milton Pipes Ltd.

Roy has been both a Shop Steward, and a Health and Safety representative for "Unite the Union" at Milton Pipes for many years and has completed 29 years service, following in his father's footsteps, where Roy now works within the production department.

Safety improvement was added in addition to Roy's normal duties and, seeing the same goals, Milton and Roy formed a partnership. Roy was up for the challenge to improve the availability of risk assessment and Safe Working and Operating Procedures (or 'SWOPS') across the site and improve training.

Roy set to work re-evaluating the tasks, looking at it from the workers point of view, and Milton used Roy, along with the operation workforce, in writing new procedures. The detail included within the SWOPS allowed them to also be used as training aids and the documentation of training given to individuals, so that sign off could be completed on training records as soon as it was completed. Roy has engaged and carried the rest of the workforce with him in this task and gained much respect for his attitude to Health and Safety.

It is safe to say that Milton Pipes could not have achieved as big a change in H&S culture within the organisation without Roy, and it is a valuable lesson that co-operation between workforce, company and unions can make a huge difference. Roy is a man from the shop floor who has made a huge impact in Health and Safety at the company at which he works.

JORGE DORREGO ORTIZ, Brett Landscaping Ltd.

Jorge has been with Brett Landscaping since July 2007 and is the production manager at their Poole plant. Under Jorge, not only has Poole site had had zero RIDDORs or LTI's since late in 2007 (last one November) he has also reduced minor accidents, from 14 to 2 last year, and he continues to promote accident reduction.

In 2009, Jorge completed the most number of Alive and Well behaviour safety talks in the business; this is Brett's behavioural safety system, Based loosely on DuPont STOP, and in the last year he recorded 91 when his target was to do one a week. He has really engaged with the staff, and is committed to improving the site's safety performance. He has helped Poole gain the Brett Landscaping Managing Director's award for best SHE performance for 2008.

Jorge has done this, through coaching, toolbox talks, developing in depth training tools and through feedback, engaging his colleagues to produce a positive result admired by many.

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Notes to Editor:

British Precast Concrete Federation is the trade body for the UK precast concrete products industry. The industry turnover is around £2.0 billion employing around 18,000 people. 32 million tonnes of products are produced – essential products for new and refurbished housing, commercial and industrial buildings, transport and utilities infrastructure, hospitals, schools and urban renewal.

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