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British Precast's OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARD

The 2011 British Precast Awards saw one individual received the outstanding achievement award.

GARY LANCASTER, Safety and Production Team Leader, Brett Landscaping, Pocklington

Gary has been a member of the Pocklington team since January 2005.

Last year, due to restructures that were carried out across the business, Gary took it upon himself to start looking after the safety systems and paperwork on the site as well as supervising and running the production line he was responsible for. This involved Gary helping update the site risk assessments, COSHH assessments, ensure all check sheets that are required as part of our OHSAS 18001, ISO14001 and ISO9001 certification were completed and ensure training and competency is up to date. This culminated at the annual external audit by our UKAS accredited auditors SIRA, commenting on how smooth a transition it has been, and how well standards had been maintained.

Gary is one of those people who doesn't talk the talk, but walks the walk. He leads by example; he will never turn a blind eye towards, Safety, Environmental issues or Quality. In 2010, he filled out and highlighted more "Near miss/hazard spots" than any other person on the site. He along with the site Supervisor Michael Chatterton have been instrumental in ensuring that Pocklington has been RIDDOR & LTI free since 2006. He carries out toolbox talks on site each month to the whole site, and is a very vocal member of the site SHE committee, not just raising issues from the shop floor, but also, actively helping come up with solutions for issues raised. He has taken this new role in his stride, and has been keen to learn and develop the role, and has recently completed IOSH Managing Safely, to increase his knowledge.

He has been a key driver in the last 6 months, in helping reduce waste to landfill across the site. Working with a local waste disposal company, Gary has been involved in setting up

segregation and recycling systems that are reducing waste costs on the site by around £300 a month and ensuring we improve our green credentials and meet our BES6001 goals and targets.

We at Brett Landscaping would very much like to thank Gary for his hard work and contribution to ensuring his team remain safe and go home *“Alive and Well”*.

Many congratulations to Gary Lancaster on his fine achievements and to Brett for nominating him.

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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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Caption: (l-r) Dr. Phil Smith- HSE, Gary Lancaster- Brett Landscaping, Geoff Parsons- Olympic High-jumper