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Unipart Wins RoSPA Health & Safety Award

Unipart Group, a leading third party logistics provider and consultant in operational excellence, has been presented with a health and safety commendation by RoSPA (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) for the way it operates an Import Centre for Homebase at the Group's main distribution centre in Cowley, Oxford.

The commendation was awarded to Unipart Consumer Logistics in the Transport, Storage and Distribution category of RoSPA's 2009 Occupational Health & Safety Awards for continued good work in demonstrating a continuous improvement in their health and safety performance.

The RoSPA Awards scheme celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 2006, making it one of the longest running and most highly respected occupational award programmes. Set up with the aim of celebrating best practice in health and safety, the scheme is open to organisations of all sizes, from the full spectrum of work activities and from all over the world. Entrants must be able to demonstrate a robust and high quality safety management system together with a minimum of four years' consistently excellent or continuously improving health and safety performance.

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

"The Unipart Way is a philosophy of working that not only delivers fantastic customer satisfaction but also continuously improves the working environment and lives of all our employees.

"This commendation pays tribute to the quality and hard work of the team operating the Homebase Cowley Import Centre, and demonstrates their – and the Group's – commitment not only to maintain, but to constantly improve on our health and safety performance. That they should have won a major award at their first attempt, is all the more impressive."

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Photo caption:

Steven Allsworth [centre], Unipart's Homebase Health & Safety Manager, receives the 2009 Occupational Health & Safety Award for the Transport, Storage and Distribution category from Lord Jordan of Bournville, CBE, RoSPA President [left] and Tom Mullarkey, RoSPA Chief Executive.



Editors' Notes:

About Unipart Group

The Unipart Group employs more than 8,000 personnel worldwide and has an annual turnover of more than £1billion. It is one of Europe's leading logistics companies and a widely-recognised pioneer in the field of Lean implementation.

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 Homebase, Sainsbury's, ASOS.com, Vodafone, 3, BSkyB, Jaguar Land Rover, Severn Trent Water and HMRC.