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Scott Bader UK's Northamptonshire based Chemical Plant achieves record safety & environmental standards in 2008

Scott Bader's production plant in Wollaston, Northamptonshire, making unsaturated polyester resins and specialty chemicals, achieved an outstanding record of performance during 2008 by having zero lost time accidents and no reportable environmental incidents throughout the year. This record is the best that has been achieved by Scott Bader UK in the last five years, achieved by an HSE continuous improvement programme of site investments plus an increased focus on site safety, incorporating additional training modules. Over the last two years in particular, these HSE improvements have paid dividends in avoiding potential accidents which can occur in a chemical plant if procedures are not followed and the correct safety gear is not worn by both employee and visitors to the site.

The last two years have been under a revised Environment Agency (EA) permit which has set new targets for environmental improvement. By meeting these EA targets and through close working with the key stakeholders on site, there has been a tangible reduction in vapour emissions, reduced spillages and significantly lower energy consumed per tonne produced on the Wollaston Plant, giving environmental benefits both locally and beyond.

The Wollaston plant, which is also the location of the Group head office, is the biggest site within the Scott Bader Group, producing over 35,000 T of specialty chemical products per annum with a production team of over 120 people on the UK site.

Mr Steve James HSEQ Manager for the Scott Bader UK site commented "*Safety and the Environment are both top priorities for Scott Bader Board and considerable time and focus is given to these two areas by senior management.*"

Mr James went on to say "*There are clear measures, including near miss accident reports, which indicate there is an improving safety trend through a greater awareness by people on site and not just luck.*"

About Scott Bader

Scott Bader was established in 1921. Today it is a £180 million multinational chemical company, employing 560 people worldwide. It is a common trusteeship company, having no external shareholders, with a strong commitment to supporting its workforce, society and the environment.

The Scott Bader headquarters is based in the UK where they have purpose-built, state-of-the-art technical facilities that provide R & D as well as complete evaluation, testing and application support. They have manufacturing facilities in the UK, France, Croatia, The Middle East and South Africa. For further information regarding Scott Bader, please call +44 (0) 1933 663100, visit www.scottbader.com or e-mail info@scottbader.com