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Siemens Traffic gains BSI industry award

Siemens Traffic has recently gained the highly regarded RoHS Trusted Kitemark® in recognition of the company's approach to the European Directive governing the restriction of hazardous substances within Electrical and Electronic Equipment.

On behalf of Siemens, Steve Waine, Manufacturing Technical Support Manager, stated: 'Our ability to comply with the RoHS Directive is dependent on suppliers and processes used in the design and manufacture of products and equipment. In addition to forming a dedicated team to validate all parts, materials and components, the company has invested in new production equipment'.

To assess compliance, the 3-day factory audit by the BSI Product Services was extremely meticulous with samples of components taken away to a laboratory for X-Ray Fluorescence testing for such substances as Lead and Mercury. On completion, representatives of BSI Product Services congratulated Siemens on its 'thorough and pragmatic approach'. A formal presentation of the BSI certificate took place last month at Siemens Traffic in Poole, Dorset.

According to Neil Stanton, Scheme Manager, BSI Product Services, the Kitemark® is one of the best known and respected marks in the World, and certification is voluntary. 'Independent assessment on an ongoing basis provides reassurance that relevant requirements have been met or exceeded. The RoHS Trusted Kitemark® is an independent, recognisable mark that customers can trust as it demonstrates that licensees are making a strong public commitment to quality and have confidence in their products and processes', he said.

As well as lead, the RoHS Directive also restricts the use of Cadmium, Hexavalent Chromium, and two Brominated flame retardants (PBB & PBDE). These restrictions affect a broad range of products and affect everyone within the electronics supply chain. This is due to the fact that the end producer's ability to comply with the RoHS Directive is entirely dependent upon the entire supply chain of all parts, materials, sub-assemblies and components used to make electrical and electronic equipment.

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Photograph shows members of the Siemens team with the company's Managing Director, Gordon Wakeford (pictured, second right) and Neil Stanton, Scheme Manager, BSI Product Services (pictured, first right) holding the BSI certificate.

About Siemens Traffic Controls

As part of the Siemens Industrial Solutions and Services (I&S) group, Siemens Traffic Controls designs, manufactures, installs and maintains a wide range of traffic engineering products and systems to enhance road safety and improve traffic flow in congested urban and inter-urban areas. In the United Kingdom, the company installs and maintains more traffic infrastructure than any other company and has 700 employees including 350 skilled service engineers dedicated every day of the year to maintaining over half of all traffic control equipment installed on the UK road network. The Siemens Industrial Solutions and Services Group (I&S) is an integrator of systems and solutions for industrial and infrastructure facilities, and global service provider for the plant and projects business covering planning, installation, operation and the entire life cycle.

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