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Double Success for Unipart Security Solutions

Unipart Security Solutions (USS) today celebrated becoming the first company to attain both the National Security Inspectorate's Guarding Gold approval and Security Industry Authority's Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) approval using the NSI Passport route.

At a special ceremony at Unipart House in Oxford, the prestigious Guarding Gold medal was presented to USS Managing Director, Colin Moore by the NSI's Chief Executive, Andrew White.

Commenting on USS' efforts to achieve the standards, White said: "You aimed for the top and you achieved it, putting Unipart Security Solutions in the top tier of the industry."

The unique, numbered and framed Gold medal, produced exclusively for NSI by the Royal Mint, is awarded to companies which have achieved Guarding Gold approval, the premier scheme for companies involved in the provision of manned security services in the UK. By meeting Guarding Gold requirements, Unipart Security Solutions can assure its customers that it delivers the highest standards of service.

Whilst qualifying for NSI Gold, USS also became the first in the man guarding industry to meet the new BS EN ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System standard.

Commenting on the award, Moore expressed his belief that The Unipart Way, – The Unipart Group's Lean philosophy that inspires efficiency, flexibility and outstanding customer service – which has been embraced by all Unipart Security Solutions' personnel, ensured that the foundations were already in place to assist the company in its endeavours to achieve the Passport scheme accreditation:

"We will not compromise on our policy of employing the best possible people. It is also fundamental to our way of working that we always establish standard operating procedures for each contract, thus ensuring that we can always measure what we are delivering against agreed customer expectations."

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Notes to editors:

About Unipart Group

The Unipart Group employs more than 9,000 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 Halfords, ASOS.com, Homebase, Vodafone, 3, BSkyB, Jaguar, Severn Trent Water and HMRC.

About Unipart Security Solutions

Unipart Security Solutions Ltd offers a range of services to reduce risk, deter and detect crime and develop an effective response. The company's approach to security is based on protecting what is important to individual clients, achieving the appropriate level of security resilience to the level of risk. Our philosophy is all about applying the appropriate controls to manage potential security threats at individual sites without turning them into fortresses that hinder other aspects of our clients' daily business activities. Security – The Unipart Way incorporates a commitment from all our employees to seek out opportunities for 'continual improvement' in everything that we do and to always deliver services, which match our clients' expectations.

About the National Security Inspectorate

An independent, not-for-profit approvals body, NSI, is the UK's leading inspectorate for the security and fire industries, championing the highest standards for over 30 years. NSI approved companies comply with the appropriate British and European Standards and meet the requirements of the Police and insurers. Companies are inspected regularly for their continuous delivery of the highest standards to their customers. NSI also operates a Customer Care support process, underpinning the reliability and integrity of companies it inspects.

About the Security Industry Authority

The Security Industry Authority is the organisation responsible for regulating the private security industry. The mission of the SIA is to regulate the private security industry effectively, to reduce criminality, raise standards and recognise quality service. The SIA's Approved Contractor Scheme specifies a set of operational and performance standards for suppliers of private security services. Organisations that meet these standards are awarded Approved Contractor status. This accreditation provides purchasers of private security services with independent proof of a contractor's commitment to quality.