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## **Delight as Midlands firm Oakland International scoop Environmental Award**

Redditch-based multi temperature supply chain specialist in warehousing and logistics, Oakland International, is celebrating after winning the Environmental Awards, Worcestershire at this year's prestigious Herefordshire & Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce Awards held at the West Midland Safari Park.

Finalists in the Environmental Award and Excellence in People Development Award, the firm said they were delighted to have won against such strong competition. Oakland International's MD, Dean Attwell, stated: "What fantastic news for the whole team. Winning the Environmental Awards, Worcestershire, is positive recognition of the hard work and commitment Oakland has made in reducing carbon emissions throughout our supply chain operations and our work in instilling a 'green' growth philosophy."



Oakland has introduced a number recycling schemes placing continual focus on replacing energy rich systems with renewable alternatives, with the firm wholly committed to installing and utilising clean eco-friendly alternatives wherever possible. A major local employer, Oakland has also invested heavily in the company's Management Development Programme, aimed at identifying managers and supervisors of the future to create a robust and emerging management team qualified to deliver the business well in to the next decade and beyond.

A specialist in third party supply chain warehousing and logistics, the firm conducts chilled distribution schemes for Irish, UK and European mainline retailers, servicing many on a daily basis.

Adding further, Dean stated: "Oakland's environmental impact continues to reduce, even though we have more than doubled in size and operational scale over the last 2 years."

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Image taken by Mike Henley Photography, details L to R: Oakland International's Strategic Development Manager Pete Vaughan, Mary Drinkwater, Chairman of Worcestershire County Council and Oakland's Quality Assurance Manager, Louise Smith.

Editors Notes:

A family owned operation, Oakland International was established in the UK in 1998, launching Oakland Distribution and expanding in to Ireland in 2009 with the opening of Oakland International Ireland a 100% Irish operation.

Supply chain functions encompass warehousing, picking and distribution for ambient, chilled and frozen products, with Oakland acknowledged as operating a highly successful and unique distressed load management service within its industry sector.

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