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## Employee recognition awards as Midlands firm Oakland International celebrates their success

Redditch based Oakland International Limited, celebrated with a champagne drinks reception for employees at a special Awards Evening at Worcester's Bowl Xtreme on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January, awarding a total of fourteen awards between the forty-three selected finalists, as well as twenty-eight long-service awards, with the awards extravaganza continuing well in to the night.

Recognising a range of business skills and personal qualities, award categories included:

Contribution to the Community, Customer Service, Best New Starter, Developing Others, Personal Development, Management Development, Manager, Supervisor and Employee of the Year awards, Safety, Health and Environmental Impact, Buddy and Bright Sparks awards and Long Service Awards for three and five years service.



The Long Service awards as well as the Award finalists, chosen and voted for by their colleagues, were presented with their awards in front of colleagues and their families.

Dean Attwell stated: "Throughout Oakland International's thirteen-years of trading we have continued to enjoy business success, both in times of prosperity and in this current economic climate we now all face. It is due to their hard work and dedication that we continue to see sustained growth, with our employee numbers now up to 204, with further recruitment still planned for 2012, which is fantastic news for our UK and Irish teams and for the future."

A multi temperature supply chain specialist, Oakland operates supply chain solutions for chilled, ambient and frozen goods daily throughout the UK, Ireland and Europe, to major retailers, wholesalers, cash 'n' carries and foodservice outlets.

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Image details from L to R: Oakland International MD, Dean Attwell and Operations Director Paul Ziolk (right) congratulate Lynsey McIntosh, General Manager - Operational Support who received the Manager of the Year Award and Lian Higgitt, Quality Systems Co-ordinator who was awarded the Employee of the Year Award.

*Editors Notes:* A multi-award winning company in 2011, securing the UK Business Initiative of the Year award at The Grocer Gold Awards and winning Best Logistics at Ireland's Checkout National FMCG Awards. Oakland International supply chain functions encompass warehousing, picking and distribution for ambient, chilled and frozen products, with the firm held in high regard and acknowledged within their industry sector for their successful and unique UK distressed load management service.

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