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Health and safety starts New Year at Hills

Hills Quarry Products delayed the opening of all its sites on the first day back to work in the New Year for two hours to allow employees to participate in a special health and safety training session as part of the company's ongoing 'Safer for All' campaign.

Peter Andrew, group director Hills Quarry Products, said:
"Health and safety will always be top priority for us and by starting off the New Year by focussing on health and safety will help us reinforce our 'Safer for All' philosophy and help to continue to deliver improvements in employee safety and wellbeing.

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"We have reviewed our achievements over the past year and set new health and safety targets for 2016 based on the feedback received from employees and independent health and safety auditors and the training session allowed us to communicate these targets to our employees."

The training sessions were held across operational sites in Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Berkshire, and Dorset where Hills operate sand and gravel quarries and ready mixed concrete production plants and coincided with the launch of a new employee "Safer for All" health and safety magazine.

The 'Safer for All' campaign, introduced at the beginning of 2015 following a company-wide health and safety culture survey, is aimed at ensuring that attitudes toward promoting a healthier and safer workplace remain a top priority for each employee. The campaign delivered significant results over the past 12 months, including a 40 per cent drop in Hills' RIDDOR reportable accidents. A copy of the company's new "Safer for All" magazine can be found at the Hills Group website at www.hills-group.co.uk/media-centre/publications

Notes to editors:

Hills Quarry Products specialises in the production and supply of quarry products and ready-mixed concrete to the construction and agricultural sectors. It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas to become one of the region's largest suppliers. Hills Quarry Products is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Hills Group Limited, a privately owned family company established in 1900. www.hills-quarry.co.uk

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