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Hills Quarry Products starts the New Year with a fresh focus on health and safety

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

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Peter Andrew, Group director Hills Quarry Products, said: "Last year we made significant strides to improve health and safety standards at all our sites, highlighted by the award of the prestigious Sir Frank Davis Trophy."

Peter Andrew continued: "This year we have reviewed our achievements and set new health and safety targets for 2017 based on the feedback received from employees and independent health and safety auditors. By starting the New Year with these training sessions we are reinforcing our philosophy that health and safety will always be a top priority and we will continue to deliver improvements in employee safety and wellbeing."

The training sessions, including emergency procedures, Near Miss reporting and a review of safe systems of work, 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.

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 employees. To date the campaign has delivered significant results; including a 62.5% per cent drop in Hills' RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations) reportable accidents. The third issue of the company's new 'Safer for All' magazine can be found online 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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