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

For the fifth year in a row, Hills Quarry Products delayed the opening of all its sites yesterday, to allow employees to participate in a morning of health and safety training sessions as part of Hills' ongoing 'Safer for All' campaign.

Peter Andrew, Group director Hills Quarry Products, said: "We take time at the start of each New Year to remind employees of the importance of everyone's health and safety at our sites.

"This includes a review of our achievements and setting new health and safety targets which are based on both feedback from employees and independent health and safety auditors. By starting the New Year with these training sessions we reinforce our philosophy that health and safety remains a top priority for our business and supports the excellent health and safety record achieved so far."

The training sessions, which included a focus on pedestrian, vehicle and plant interaction, have been held across operational sites in Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, and Dorset where Hills operate sand and gravel quarries and ready-mixed concrete production plants.

The 'Safer for All' campaign was introduced in 2015 following a company-wide health and safety culture survey and has delivered significant results with no RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations) reportable accidents at Hills Quarry Products sites for almost two years. Copies of the company's 'Safer for All' magazine can be found online at <u>www.hills-group.co.uk/media-centre/publications</u> with the next issue to be published soon.

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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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