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BPI celebrates Centenary Certificate.

British Polythene Industries (BPI) PLC, leading European manufacturer of polythene films, bags and sacks, is celebrating a relatively rare achievement for British PLCs. The Greenock based company, which operates from sites across the UK, Europe, North America and China, has recently received its Centenary Certificate from Companies House.

Issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the company's registration, the Certificate is a significant milestone in the history of the BPI Group which has roots as far back as the late 18th century. During its remarkable history the Group has seen changes not only to its name but in its areas of expertise as it has evolved.

Incorporated on the 16th March 1910, the business which exists today has a strong, industrious heritage which evolved in particular through the merger of two enterprising Scottish companies during the 20th Century; James Scott & Sons Ltd and J F Robertson Limited.

Although their roots in spinning and weaving sacks stretched as far back as 1797, these businesses recognised the changing industrial landscape and had the foresight to adopt new technologies and advancing raw materials.

As such they laid the foundations which enabled the BPI Group to become the leading global supplier of polyethylene films it is today as well as Europe's largest recycler of polythene film waste with the ability to reprocess over 64,000 tonnes of post-use material annually.

The issue of the Centenary Certificate by Companies House closely follows other recent milestones. In late 2009, the BPI Group achieved 40th place out of 236

companies in its inaugural entry into the 'Britain's Most Admired Companies' Survey. It was also recently shortlisted for both a Global Reach and Innovation Award in the annual Scotland plc Awards.

Speaking upon the receipt of the Centenary Certificate, John Langlands, CEO, British Polythene Industries, said: "Understandably, everyone at BPI is delighted that the company has received this commemorative certificate from Companies House. It's a rare honour and a real testament to our belief in investment, progressive thinking and keeping abreast of the key trends and issues across our diverse markets and customer base."

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Image: *John Langlands 2.jpg*: John Langlands, CEO, British Polythene Industries plc
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Editors' notes:

- British Polythene Industries (BPI) is a leading European supplier of polythene film products.
- BPI is a global supplier of high performing agricultural and horticultural films to over 60 counties worldwide from manufacturing sites in the UK, Belgium and Canada.
- The BPI Group is a major supplier of packaging for the protection of food and other goods.
- BPI is the largest recycler of polythene film waste in Europe recycling over 64,000 tonnes of post-use polythene material from commercial, retail, industrial and agricultural markets.
- BPI's products, which are marketed under well known and established brand names including Supreme™ (stretchwrap), Visqueen™ (construction films), Green Sack® (recycled refuse sacks) and Silotite® (silage stretch film), provide high performing, cost-effective polythene solutions across a range of industries.
- The continuing success of British Polythene Industries has been formally acknowledged in a high profile survey. The business achieved 40th place out of 236 companies in a league table of 'Britain's Most Admired Companies' published by Management Today in association with Accenture. Importantly, BPI attained second place in the Paper & Packaging sector.