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OHSAS 18001 for bpi.recycled products

bpi.recycled products has added to its growing list of internationally recognised accreditations. The business has just been awarded OHSAS 18001:2007 certification for operations at its Rhymney site which produces building films sold under the Visqueen Building Products brand name.

Jointly developed by some of the world's leading standards and certification bodies, OHSAS 18001:2007 sets out to promote safe and healthy working environments. It provides a framework which helps organisations to identify and control their health and safety risks, to reduce their potential for accidents, to comply with legislation and to improve their overall performance.

It is also designed to be fully compatible with ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 and allows organisations to fully integrate their quality, environmental and occupational health and safety management systems.

In order to achieve OHSAS 18001, bpi.recycled products had to demonstrate robust systems, standards and procedures covering everything from hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control through to staff training and performance measuring and improvement.

Speaking of the certification, Gerry McGarry, Business Director at bpi.recycled products, said: "As part of our commitment to excellence, bpi.recycled products isn't just concerned with the standard of our finished products but also with the way in which they're produced.

"We pride ourselves on operating in a way that's mindful of quality, of the environment and of the health and safety of our employees. We also recognise we

operate in sectors where customers are increasingly looking for greater reassurance and accountability from their suppliers and we aim to give them that capability.”

He adds: “Securing OHSAS 18001:2007 certification is a real achievement and something of which our entire team can be justifiably proud.”

OHSAS 18001:2007 is just the latest in a line of certifications to be achieved by bpi.recycled products. It already holds ISO 14001:2004 and ISO 9001:2008 for operations at Rhymney and a number of its other UK-wide sites.

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Made with safety in mind. bpi.recycled products has been awarded OHSAS 18001:2007 certification for its Rhymney site which produces building films sold under the Visqueen Building Products brand name.

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Editor’s notes:

- bpi.recycled products is the largest recycler of used polythene in Europe recycling over 70,000 tonnes of post-use polythene material from commercial, retail, industrial and agricultural markets.
- bpi.recycled products uses some of these materials to manufacture its award winning Plaswood range of sustainable wood-substitute products. These products include park and garden furniture, street and countryside signs, bollards and marine decking.
- The environmental benefits of recycling plastic are becoming more widely recognised: maximising reusable material, diverting waste from landfill and conserving resources. bpi.recycled products has developed the necessary expertise and the infrastructure in the form of a network of Environment Agency accredited recycling plants to help drive these benefits forward.
- bpi. recycled products is a division of BPI (British Polythene Industries) plc, one of Europe’s largest manufacturers of polythene films, bags and sacks.
- 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.