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## **PORTSMOUTH WATER RECEIVE 2007 GOLD RoSPA AWARD FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

The Company has been awarded, for the second consecutive year, The Royal Society of Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) **GOLD** award for Occupational health and Safety.

The **GOLD** award will be presented at a special ceremony at the Hilton Birmingham, Metropole Hotel, National Exhibition Centre on Thursday May 24 during the Safety and Health Expo 2007, the UK's premier health and safety at work exhibition.

The RoSPA awards are not about reducing the number of accidents but about ensuring that organisations have good health and safety management systems in place.

The Company, supported by the Trade Unions, Unison and GMB, submitted an application to the RoSPA 2007 Health and Safety Awards. The application which was 3½ inches thick demonstrated the Company's commitment and management towards health and safety.

Managing Director Nick Roadnight on hearing the news said "The important issue after winning the gold award in 2006 was to keep health and safety a top priority and therefore ensure we keep the Gold award every year. Therefore, it is pleasing that an organisation as respected and well known as RoSPA have continued to recognise the efforts made by the Company in awarding us this prestigious Gold award. It goes without saying the award is not the result of individuals but due to a collective team effort from all areas of the organisation. I am and so should everybody else be very proud of their efforts in achieving this award."

David Rawlins, RoSPA Awards Manager said "Portsmouth Water has demonstrated how seriously they take health and safety management and are a fine example to many other companies. We would like to see more organisations following their lead by providing a positive example."

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## **Notes to Editors**

Portsmouth Water is one of the oldest water companies in the country, having been incorporated in 1857.

### **OUR WATER SOURCES**

Our water, of high quality, is derived from the chalk of the South Downs and is abstracted from wells, boreholes, springs and the River Itchen.

The Springs at Havant and Bedhampton are thought to be the largest group of springs used for public supplies in Europe.

### **STATISTICS**

We serve 286,000 homes and businesses in an area covering 868 square kilometres (335 square miles) from the River Meon in Hampshire to the River Arun in West Sussex.

Every day we supply around 180 million litres (40 million gallons) of water to a population of over 680,000 people at the lowest cost in England and Wales.

### **OUR DISTRIBUTION NETWORK**

Water is supplied to our customers through a network of over 3,200 kilometres (1,990 miles) of underground water mains and more than 280,000 individual service connections, all of which are continuously maintained by our distribution staff.