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The logo for ADS (Aerospace and Defence Supply Chain) features the letters 'ADS' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'A' is blue, the 'D' is red, and the 'S' is blue. The logo is set against a white background with a red and blue curved border.

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Aerospace and Defence Supply Chain in Northern Ireland Recognised for Excellence

Fifteen companies in Northern Ireland's aerospace and defence supply chains have achieved 21st Century Supply Chains (SC21) Operational Excellence (OE) awards in recognition of their excellence in quality and customer satisfaction levels.

The SC21 OE programme helps small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in the aerospace and defence sectors to make operational improvements, reduce overheads and improve their potential to grow.

Three companies have been recognised for achieving the highest possible level Gold performance award. Ten companies have achieved Silver performance awards and two have been recognised with Bronze performance awards.

Welcoming the announcement, Economy Minister Diane Dodds said:

"I would like to congratulate each and every one of the Northern Ireland companies who have achieved SC21 performance awards today. This has been a very challenging period for the industry and I am pleased to see a record-breaking number of Northern Ireland companies winning these prestigious awards. Achieving excellence in quality and customer satisfaction can boost a company's global reputation and it is exactly this, which can help to win new business.

"Northern Ireland is a leading region in supply chain excellence and these awards reflect the strong customer focus, performance and ongoing commitment to continuous improvement within the sector. Aerospace & Defence play an important role in the Northern Ireland economy and as the sector looks to rebuild, winning awards such as this will ensure our companies continue to be agile, competitive and customer focused."

The announcement was made at the SC21 "Recognising Excellence in the Supply Chain" event at FIA Connect, a week of virtual events taking the place of what would have been Farnborough International Airshow, which saw companies recognised with performance awards for boosting their performance and competitiveness through the SC21 OE programme.

ADS Chief Executive Paul Everitt said:

"The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented crisis faced by the industry and never before has operational excellence been so important as we look towards recovery. The SC21 programme provides a great opportunity for companies in the UK's aerospace and defence sectors to boost their productivity, helping the whole industry to improve its competitiveness.

"Northern Ireland is exemplary in its work in our sectors and I'm pleased to see so many companies recognised for their hard work. It's great to see both companies achieving their performance awards year after year and those who have been recognised with awards for the first time. Congratulations to all of those who have received an award today, it is well deserved.

"We hope to see more companies in Northern Ireland, and throughout the rest of the UK, join the programme and join these companies in achieving operational excellence."

Dr Leslie Orr, Director of ADS in Northern Ireland said:

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“I would like to congratulate all of the award-winning companies in the region. These are challenging times for the industry globally. It is great to see the response with companies setting the standards, making Northern Ireland a trusted part of the supply chain.”

To achieve a Gold performance award, more than 99.00% of the products or services from the company must have been delivered on time and to the required quality, a minimum of 99.99% compliant products or services.

The Gold performance award winners are:

- Denroy Plastics Ltd, Bangor
- IPC Mouldings, Carrickfergus
- Moyola Precision Engineering Ltd, Castledawson

All three companies have received the Gold performance award for another year after having reconfirmed their standards and progress to the highest possible level.

In addition to the Gold performance awards, the following companies have received Silver performance awards:

- Boyce Precision Engineering Ltd
- Copas Technologies Ltd
- Doran Precision Engineering
- Exact Group NI Ltd
- Thyssenkrupp Aerospace
- Bradfor Ltd
- RTA IRELAND LTD
- Springco
- Technical Metals Ltd
- Dontaur Engineering Ltd

DHL Supply Chain, on-site at Bombardier and RW Coatings have also been recognised with Bronze performance awards.

The SC21 programme is coordinated and governed by ADS, the UK trade association for the aerospace, defence, security and space sectors.

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Notes to editors:

1. **ADS** is the UK trade organisation representing the aerospace, defence, security and space sectors, with more than 1,100 member businesses.