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## Supply Chain Companies Recognised for Excellence

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Seven companies in the aerospace and defence supply chains have been recognised for achieving a Gold performance award, the highest possible level, as part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Supply Chains (SC21) Operational Excellence (OE) programme for improving operational effectiveness and achieving supply chain excellence.

The SC21 “Recognising Excellence in the Supply Chain” event at FIA Connect, the week of virtual events taking the place of what would have been Farnborough International Airshow, saw 54 companies from around the UK and Ireland recognised with performance awards for boosting their performance and competitiveness through the SC21 OE programme. The 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.

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

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.

Four Gold winning companies are being re-awarded their Gold certification this year reconfirming their ability to deliver at the highest possible level.

The Gold award winners are:

- KAEFER, Portsmouth Royal Navy Dockyard, England, have received Gold for the first time
- Kuehne + Nagel, Houndstone, have received Gold for the first time
- Kuehne + Nagel, Leonardo Production Stores from Yeovil, England, have received Gold for the first time
- A&G Precision and Sons Ltd from Poulton-le-Fylde in England, for the second consecutive year
- Denroy Plastics Ltd from Bangor, Northern Ireland, for the third consecutive year
- IPC Mouldings, from Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, for the second consecutive year
- Moyola Precision Engineering Ltd from Castledawson, Northern Ireland, for the second consecutive year.

23 companies have been awarded a Silver performance award, five of whom are receiving it for the first time. 24 companies have been awarded Bronze, eight for the first time.

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.

“All the companies who take part in the SC21 supply chain improvement programme have worked hard to achieve their awards. It demonstrates the value participants place on it that some of the programme’s most successful businesses have returned and continue to strive to achieve ever higher standards.

# News

The ADS logo consists of the letters 'A', 'D', and 'S' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'A' and 'S' are blue, while the 'D' is red. The logo is set against a white background with rounded corners, which is itself on a dark blue background with a pattern of small white dots and faint white lines.

“Congratulations to all of those who have been recognised today for their hard work.”

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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.