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Uniline Queen's Award for Enterprise press release

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High flying Redditch business wins Queen's Award for Enterprise 2011

A quadrupling of export earnings over six years has led to Redditch-based Uniline Safety Systems today (21st April) being granted a Queen's Award for Enterprise: International Trade, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.

Uniline, which designs and manufactures fall protection and rescue equipment for people working at height, has a strong customer base in the UK but it is its extraordinary growth in its markets in North America, Europe, Australia, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates and China, which caught the eye of the Queen's Awards Office.

The young business also recently grabbed the attention of major competitor Capital Safety Group who decided at the end of last year that, if they couldn't beat Uniline, they should acquire them to really steal a march on the global market.

Simon Luke Managing Director, who founded Uniline Safety Systems in 2000, praised his team, "The global and domestic markets have been very tough and, you could argue, we have achieved our growth against the odds. But our secret weapon is our workforce.

"We have brilliant people working here in Redditch with some really inspirational designers and a business development team who have given their all to help build the business. I'd like to congratulate all of the Uniline staff on everything they've achieved"

Uniline have utilised their considerable experience in engineered fall protection risk control to win favour and project installation contracts with international architects, building custodians, risk managers and constructors on recent prestigious projects such as the Zayed University (Abu Dhabi), Gamesa Wind Turbines (Worldwide) Dubai Business Village, Alliander, Dutch Airforce (Netherlands), Sacramento Airport, (USA), Durban World Cup Stadium, and others across Europe, Asia, America, Africa and Australia.

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Notes to editors:

- **Uniline Safety Systems saw its export earnings grow from £689K to £3.93m over the past six years.**
- **The company is forecasting sales of £7.3m in 2011/12 with a proposed increase in jobs of over 25%.**
- **Uniline has won significant contracts with major Wind Turbine manufacturers in Germany, Spain, China and the United States.**

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