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Local Company Achieves Double National Accreditation

Hereford, UK 24th January 2011 Octaga Security Services, based in St Owen Street, Hereford, has retained its **Gold Accreditation from the National Security Inspectorate (NSI)**. In addition, the company has been awarded the **NSI Silver medal for installation of Alarm and CCTV systems – reaffirming its status as the county’s most accredited supplier of security personnel and systems.**

Octaga, known for its generous sponsorship of local and national charities including the Army Benevolent Fund and Cancer Research UK, and whose Managing Director is chairman of the BSIA Close Protection section, is an example of corporate resilience and success; having managed to not just survive but grow through the economic crisis and recession.

During a difficult last two years for many, the company has actually increased turnover and employs nearly twice the number of full time staff it did five years ago.

“It’s not been easy,” says Octaga’s Managing Director, Dave Allison, “but by giving a quality, reliable service and being attuned to opportunity, we have come out of this stronger than before. And to now have national accreditations for both Electronic and Manned Security puts us right up there with industry leaders.”

NSI Gold is the UK’s highest quality award and Director of Octaga, Tracey Allison is delighted with the results of an audit which took place recently, after which an NSI Inspector gave the company a recommendation for continued accreditation - with zero notes for improvement. “Basically, they’ve given us a clean sheet”, says Mrs Allison, whose company entered a team in last summer’s charity fun run at Hereford racecourse. “To have a comment from an auditor like, ‘there’s a commitment by senior management to ensure continuous improvement’, is a real result,” she says. “We are also so proud to be accredited to NSI Systems Silver, covering the full range of design, installation and maintenance of Intruder Alarm, CCTV and Access Control measures.”

Examination of the auditor’s report reveals that the NSI were particularly impressed with levels of customer satisfaction from Octaga’s clients and a very high approval rating for management in its internal surveys of staff.

“We are a service industry company,” Tracey Allison says, “and our relationships with clients and staff are crucial. Our engineers and security officers *are* Octaga, and good client relations, a quality service and high staff morale are what we value.”

Octaga was formed in 2001 and today employs 150 staff nationally including having created 14 jobs in their home city of Hereford. For ten years they have moved from strength to strength providing security for, among many others, Pinewood Studios.

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Attached: Two Pictures, viz: 1. Alarm Bell Box. 2. David and Tracey Allison

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