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Hereford Company in Security Industry top 7%

Hereford, UK 24th January 2011 **Directors and staff at Octaga Security Services are celebrating after being awarded their highest ever score by the Security Industry Authority's (SIA) Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) which puts them in the top 7% of UK security companies. In addition, the company has been awarded the National Security Inspectorate (NSI) accreditation for installation of Alarm and CCTV systems**

During their five year ACS review, Octaga has received its highest score at 96 points - officially placing them in the top 10% of performers in the industry in terms of Best Practice, Client Care & Service, Staff Development & Welfare and British Standards. Moreover, members of the 'pacesetters' group of top ACS performers have advised management that they are performing at a top 7% score!

The auditor was extremely impressed with the high level of service provided, customer focus and duty of care to staff. Octaga must abide by the Private Security Industry Act, and ACS introduced a high level of achievement in respect of operational and performance standards. Only organisations that meet these standards, are awarded ACS status, and out of 655 companies achieving this – Octaga is now a member of the top 50!

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 with quality through the economic crisis and recession.

Examination of the auditor's report reveals high 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," say Director, Tracey Allison, "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."

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 Security Guards and Electronic Security puts us right up there with industry leaders."

Octaga was formed in 2001 and today employs 150 staff nationally including having created various 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. Thanking all staff for their commitment to quality, Director Tracey Allison says, "Octaga is ten years old this month and this has been a great 'birthday present' for us and a real boost to staff morale."

For some background reading and further information on the SIA and ACS go to www.sia.homeoffice.gov.uk Octaga's website can be viewed at www.octaga.co.uk

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Attached: Pictures:

1. David Allison, Managing Director, Octaga Security Services
2. SIA ACS logo
3. Octaga Security Services logo

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