

## AWARDS

### Saltend receives ultimate safety award

**Background** The British Safety Council ‘Sword of Honour’ scheme, now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, recognises companies that have implemented safety systems among the best in the world. To be eligible for this Award companies have to achieve the maximum rating of five stars in the Council’s five star health and safety management system audit.

Companies also have to prove a culture of aiming for best practice, promoted from the boardroom to the shop floor, together with all key areas of safety activity.

Only 40 companies receive this prestigious award each year, which is widely recognised as the pinnacle of safety achievement.

**Award** Award: British Safety Council Sword of Honour – 2006  
Category: Saltend Power Station



**Details** Saltend station manager, Richard Hinks received the Sword of Honour from David Ballard, Chief Executive of the British Safety Council, at a ceremony at the historic Goldsmith’s Hall, London. A message of congratulations was received from the Prime Minister (Tony Blair), who said: “These Awards recognise the crucial success that these organisations and their employees have achieved in their pursuit of excellence in the management of health, safety and environmental matters.”

International Power CEO, Phil Cox said: “Health and safety is a subject always at the top of every asset’s agenda, but we continuously need to challenge ourselves so we can learn from our own, and others, experience in order to raise our game. Saltend has shown itself more than capable of

meeting this challenge, congratulations.” Earlier in the year Saltend also won the Royal Society for the Presentation of Accidents (RoSPA) health & safety sector award.

These awards are presented annually for the most outstanding performance in health & safety by a company or organisation in their particular industry or sector. They must demonstrate a robust and high quality safety management system together with a minimum of four years consistently excellent or continuously improved health and safety performance.



Richard Hinks station manager and Neil Cranswick, operations manager are seen here collecting the award from Lord Jordan of Bournville, RoSPA Deputy President

### Company Information

Saltend, the 1,200MW plant in the UK, acquired from Calpine in a 70:30 partnership with Mitsui of Japan, now forms part of International Power's European asset portfolio.

### Quote

*“Today we have with us some of the safest companies in the world. Winning a Sword of Honour is a difficult but worthwhile achievement, and because we limit the number to 40 each year worldwide, you can count yourself as being among a small but very distinguished band.”*

David Ballard, CE of the British Safety Council