## MAGMA GROUP RECEIVES A ROYAL VISIT

Dewsbury based Magma Group received a visit from Her Majesty the Queen's Royal Representative the Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> August to be presented with the official Queens Award for Enterprise: Innovation trophy on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen.

The Lord Lieutenant, Ed Anderson was greeted by key members of the Magma Team, including Managing Director Mark Stuckey, where he presented Magma with their official Queens Award for Enterprise trophy and scroll on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen.



The Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire presents Magma with Queens Award

In his speech, Ed highlighted the importance of the award, saying not only was it for the organisation as a whole but also for everyone associated to the organisation including employees, customers, suppliers. He expressed how proud he was of each business in West Yorkshire this year as 13 West Yorkshire business were selected for The Queens Award for Enterprise in April, the highest number of Awards in a county outside of London.



The Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire reads from Magma Group's scroll

Ed then went on to read from Magma's Official Queens Award for Enterprise: Innovation scroll, signed by Her Majesty the Queen herself and Boris Johnson.

Following on from the presentation, he was joined by MP Mark Eastwood and Senior Caseworker Sarah Ward as they were all offered a tour around Magma's expanding facilities.

Mark Stuckey, Managing Director, commented; "We were honored to welcome The Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire to Magma Group on Thursday to present us with our official glassware trophy and signed scroll.

Winning the Queens Award for Enterprise for Innovation is a very important time for the business and we are happy to welcome our special guest and give him an insight into our business and offer him a tour of our research and development laboratory and expanding manufacturing site.' 'We are committed to growth and believe that having a strong focus on innovation is the best enabler for this.

'Research and development and the deployment of an innovation pipeline continue to be a central focus for our future growth plans."



Key personnel in the Innovation of the SMR Catalyst product

Magma Group was one of just 23 Yorkshire firms to be honored with the Queens Award for Enterprise in April. Recognised for their Innovation and developments of the SMR Catalyst.

Noticing a lack of innovation in the SMR catalyst market over the last 20 years and the need for more hydrogen in the world, a gap in the market was identified for a new catalyst that could improve hydrogen production and lower energy costs.

Magma is a leading manufacturer and supplier of a wide range of refractory, ceramic and catalyst materials and technology worldwide. Their mission is to grow and develop the business through ongoing innovation, research and development in order to offer an increased product range.

The Dewsbury based manufacturer designs their own catalyst carrier utilising their strength of 40 years' experience in the Ceramics industry. Magma's catalysts look different, they are spherical with a textured "Golf Ball" like surface.

For the last 12 years, Magma has enjoyed continual and significant growth. Most recently with the acquisitions of P&E in Huddersfield and merger with UNICAT. The company has four main areas of business Catalysts, Ceramics, Combustion, Electrical Control Panels at P&E and operates worldwide from its facilities in the UK (Dewsbury, Huddersfield, Bolton and The Wirral), Vietnam and the US.

Debbie Harlock, Group Director of Human Resources and Development, commented; "It has been such an exciting time for Magma Group winning the Queens Award for Enterprise. To receive the recognition for our "innovation" to the catalyst industry is a very proud moment for us, and is testament to all the hard work and commitment of the team here at Magma. 'As a global company we are continuing to develop and grow, in Dewsbury alone there has been a recent 6 million investment into our site. With this significant expansion it brings more exciting opportunities.

'Magma is hiring new talent to fill a variety of different Manufacturing based roles; it is a great time to join us. Currently we have the following opportunities available; Production Quality Technician, Shift Skills Development Manager, Production Operative, Maintenance Engineer and General Handyman. It's a chance to really progress your career."

If you would like to be a part of an award-winning team, and grow and develop your skills with Magma, contact Linda Archer at <u>l.archer@magmagroup.com</u>.

Magma, is part of the UNICAT Catalyst Group, owned by White Deer Energy. White Deer invests in energy and industrial service and equipment companies and midstream infrastructure. They believe in the importance of environmental, social and governance 'ESG' issues, and work closely with portfolio companies to ensure a high standard of care towards ESG issues in their business operations.

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Now in its 56th year, the Queen's Awards for Enterprise are the most prestigious business awards in the country, with winning businesses able to use the esteemed Queen's Awards Emblem for the next five years.



The Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire and Managing Director of Magma Group, Mark Stuckey