

# News Release

## ***Birse Rail ‘Highly Commended’ at RoSPA Safety Awards***

Birse Rail won ‘Highly Commended’ in the Engineering Construction Sector category at the 2009 RoSPA Occupational Health and Safety Awards – the highest accolade awarded to any railway civil engineering contractor at this year’s awards.

The award was presented to Birse Rail’s Assurance Manager, Shelly Stretton, at a ceremony at the Hilton Metropole Hotel in Birmingham where businesses and organisations were recognised for their health and safety achievements.

David Rawlins, RoSPA Awards Manager, said: “Birse Rail has shown a commitment to protecting the health and well-being of its employees and others. Entering the RoSPA Awards reinforces the message that good health and safety is good for business, and clearly demonstrates an organisation’s dedication to improving performance in this crucial area.”

Commenting, Birse Rail’s Managing Director Paul Copeland, said: “This is the second year running that Birse Rail has received recognition from RoSPA and I am delighted to see an improvement from ‘Commended’ last year to ‘Highly Commended’ this year. It is entirely due to a collective team effort from all areas of the organisation and is a clear sign of our continued commitment to safety and achieving Zero Harm in our business.”

Birse Rail has enjoyed previous success in the RoSPA awards in 2003, 2004 and 2008.



Pictured: Shelly Stretton receiving the award on behalf of Birse Rail from RoSPA Chief Executive, Tom Mullarkey MBE (right) and Vice President of RoSPA, Lord Brougham of Vaux (left)

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