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Queen's Award for enterprising Bharat

NOAHS Ark Chemicals Ltd, founded by former Buckhurst Hill County High School pupil Dr Bharat Bhardwaj has won the 2005 Queen's Award for Enterprise in the international trade category for export achievement.

The award means that the global trading and distribution company, dealing in commodity and speciality chemicals, has been recognised to be among the best of UK companies.

Dr Bhardwaj started Noahs Ark Chemicals as a family company operating from a back bedroom in 2001 in Cambridge. He moved his operations briefly to Buckhurst Hill, where much of the finance planning work is still undertaken.



Dr Bharat Bhardwaj

Now Noahs Ark Chemicals has grown to a company with a turnover of £5m-plus with offices in Cambridge and in Antwerp, Belgium, employing a multi-national team of people exporting chemicals around the world, including China, Europe, Korea, South America and the US.

Dr Bhardwaj, the general manager, said: "To win the Queen's Award after just the first three years is noted to be an unusual feat. This is a great honour for our company and we are all delighted and proud to have our achievements officially recognised.

"I'm pleased to have an on-going connection with Buckhurst Hill, where my family live. They all contribute in some way to the company and I stay with them often.

"I find that by staying in Buckhurst Hill I'm ideally placed for travelling to London and to the rest of Europe via Stansted and City airports and it is perfect for accessing the motorway network in the UK.

"Our success is due to great teamwork within the company, with our families and with our trading partners and contractors. I congratulate everybody who worked hard to make it possible."

In addition to financial growth, all aspects of Noahs Ark Chemicals' activities were reviewed by the Queen's Award Office.

The company had to prove best practice in the areas of relationships with customers, suppliers, employees, partners; impact on society; relationship with local and global communities; and impact on the environment.

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