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**Press Release: Queen's Award for Enterprise: International Trade 2005
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Noahs Ark Chemicals wins the Queen's Award for Enterprise

Cambridge, UK – 21 April 2005. Noahs Ark Chemicals Limited has won the 2005 Queen's Award for Enterprise in the International Trade category for export achievement.

Winning this prestigious award means that Noahs Ark Chemicals, a global trading and distribution company dealing in commodity and speciality chemicals, has been recognised to be among the best of UK companies.

Noahs Ark Chemicals started as a family company operating from a bedroom in 2001 in Cambridge. Now Noahs Ark Chemicals has grown to a company with turnover of £5m, 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.

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Dr Bharat 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. 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.

The Queen’s Awards for Enterprise are the UK’s most prestigious awards for business performance. They are the equivalent of the New Year’s honours for individuals and recognise and reward outstanding achievement by UK companies.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. Noahs Ark Chemicals Limited started business in November 2001. It was set up by a family of British Asians, all of whom are still involved in managing, directing or guiding the business.
2. The company also employs Dutch and Belgian nationals in addition to British people.
3. The company has one subsidiary: Noahs Ark Additives Limited – a company that provides additives to the oil industry..

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4. In 2005 the company is progressing expansion plans into aromatic chemical products
5. The chemicals traded in are eventually used in a wide spectrum of products such as antifreeze, plastic bottles, textiles and in the automotive industry.
6. The Queen's Awards have been made each year since 1966.
7. The Awards are made by HM The Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister, who is assisted by an Advisory Committee that includes representatives of Government, Industry and Commerce, and the Trade Unions.
8. The Awards are given solely on merit and competition is fierce.
9. More details can be found on The Queen's Award website: www.queensaward.org.uk
10. If you require photographs please contact Dr Bhardwaj

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