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Bhardwaj's firm wins Queen's Award

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Noahs Ark Chemicals Limited, a family company headed up by Dr Bharat Bhardwaj, a British national of Indian origin, 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 chemicals, has been recognised to be among the best of UK companies.

It started as a family company operating from a bedroom in 2001 in Cambridge. Dr Bhardwaj decided to use his years of business experience of working in International companies to establish his own company. His parents Krishna and Siri Niwas Bhardwaj put up the seed capital and his brother, Ajay Bhardwaj, established the financial and operational systems.

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

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.

"My parents invested the start up capital and my wife, brothers and sister all take an active part in making the company grow. 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"