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COMPANY NEWS

(Another) life-saving organisation celebrates its 60th birthday

The National Health Service is to be congratulated on its 60th birthday on 5 July 2008, but there is another life-saving organisation that is also celebrating its 60th birthday this year, namely Pilz.



With a track record of continuous, market-leading innovation in the field of machinery and process safety, and with hundreds of thousands of products installed worldwide, Pilz has undoubtedly helped to prevent thousands of injuries and, most likely, fatalities too. When a worker hits an emergency stop button, opens an interlocked guard or breaks a safety light beam, it is vital that the safety-related control system acts correctly.

Pilz GmbH & Co KG is a family-owned German company with global operations. Since its foundation in 1948, Pilz has remained at the forefront of safety technology, launching the first safety relay, the first programmable safety system, the first safe, open fieldbus system (SafetyBUS p), the first solid-state safety 'relay', the first software-configurable modular safety controller, and the first safe camera system for monitoring three-dimensional zones. In 2008, Pilz is still owned and run by descendants of the founder.

As with treatments available through the NHS, today's machinery and process safety systems are often far more complex than anything that was considered to be 'cutting edge' 60 years ago. Similarly, customers' expectations have moved on. Today Pilz offers a full service that

includes consultancy, engineering and training, as well as a broad range of products for safety-related control systems and general automation.

Please contact Pilz to request more information about safety products and services by emailing sales@pilz.co.uk or visit www.pilz.co.uk.

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Pilz Automation Technology develops, manufactures and supplies process and automation control products for use wherever there is a requirement to ensure the safety of plant, personnel or the environment. Included in the range are: safety relays; configurable safety controllers; programmable safety systems (safety PLCs) for use with or without the SafetyBUS p safe, open industrial fieldbus network; mechanically actuated and non-contact guard switches; safety light curtains; 2D and 3D vision-based safety sensors; emergency stop switches; conventional and touchscreen operator interfaces; plus control and monitoring relays for non-safety applications.

In addition, Pilz provides safety-related services, such as training, engineering, consultancy and competence management. For 20 years Pilz has taken a leading role in educating the market with regard to safety legislation. This has been through seminars on legislation, software packages that assist with standards compliance and product selection, and publications. Pilz has produced six editions of the *Guide to Machinery Safety*, a *Guide to Programmable Safety Systems*, and publishes a free monthly email newsletter

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