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NSAN GAINS CYBER ESSENTIALS PLUS

NSAN are delighted to announce that we have gained Cyber Essentials Plus accreditation.

The government-backed Cyber Essentials scheme is designed to improve the resilience of UK businesses to the most common cyber security threats. Cyber Essentials Plus is a more advanced level of assurance, and includes an additional internal scan and on-site assessment. The scheme requires companies to implement five key controls:

- Secure configuration
- Boundary firewalls and internet gateways
- Access control and administrative privilege management
- Patch management
- Malware protection

To achieve this standard NSAN worked with Urban IT Solutions who provided support through their products and services to evaluate NSAN's internal and external systems, and aided in strengthening system protection from cyber-attacks.

NSAN worked with Urban to complete the self-assessment process which was verified by an external consultant and certified by certification body Xyone Cyber Security.

Nick Cusick, Financial Director for NSAN took the lead in gaining the accreditation on behalf of NSAN:

“It is reassuring to know that at our facilities are secure, keeping our data safe is one of our main priorities. Cyber Essentials is becoming an essential requirement as part of many of our sector’s tender requests. It is great that we have completed this at our earliest opportunity and I would urge companies looking to contract with nuclear companies to look at completing the standard.”

Sam Spiro of Urban IT Solutions said:

“It’s been a pleasure to work with NSAN on their Cyber Essential’s Certification. Few organisations understand the importance of security for their systems and data to the extent that NSAN clearly do. Adopting and formalising the principles of Cyber Essentials was an obvious next step for them. NSAN are among a growing number of organisations who recognise the commercial advantages of certification. Their customers, partners and other stakeholders will benefit from knowing that their own data is protected when they work with NSAN.”

For more information about Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus (CEP) take a look at the government website here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cyber-essentials-scheme-overview>

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Notes to editors

The National Skills Academy for Nuclear is a ‘not for profit’ membership organisation that exists to improve the performance of companies in the nuclear industry through collaboration and action on skills. NSAN is aiding in improving skills in the nuclear industry by setting the highest standards of excellence, leading the sourcing and provision of skills solutions and expanding our sector’s

capabilities. NSAN works collaboratively to deliver outstanding levels of service, enhancing the value we provide to members.

NSAN was approved by government on the 24th September 2007. NSAN is currently celebrating its 10th anniversary during 2017.

More information www.nsan.co.uk

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