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## **CHILDLINE BENEFITS FROM READING COMPANY'S SAFETY PERFORMANCE**

**ChildLine, the UK's free, 24-hour children's helpline, is set to benefit from the high safety standards of staff at Southern Electric Contracting. The Reading company's Sales and Marketing department won £750 in the company's internal safety competition after completing 12 consecutive months without any 'lost time' incidents, and staff voted to donate their prize money to the charity.**

Corrie James, Group Marketing Manager, puts her team's success down to the safety culture at SEC. "In our line of business, safety has to be taken extremely seriously and we have introduced a number of new initiatives, such as IOSH *Managing Safely* training for our operational managers, which have all helped to keep safety at the forefront of everyone's minds. Our commitment to safety was recognised by RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) earlier this year, when we were presented with a Gold Award in the its 2006 Occupational Safety and Health Awards.

"We decided to give our prize money to ChildLine because the whole team felt it offered an invaluable service to young people who might otherwise have nowhere else to turn."

Ben Jackson, ChildLine's corporate and new business development manager, was presented with a cheque at SEC's Vastern Road offices on Monday, 21 August. Speaking about the donation, he said: "ChildLine receives very little government funding, so we are heavily reliant on the generosity of companies like SEC. Their donation will go straight to where it is needed.

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He continued: "It costs Childline £3 to answer a child's call, so the money from SEC could help us to answer as many as 250 calls from lonely and desperate children across the UK."

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**Notes for editors:**

1. Southern Electric Contracting (SEC), part of the Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) Group, has a turnover exceeding £300 million. One of the UK's leading mechanical and electrical (M&E) contractors, SEC employs more than 3,000 staff, and operates from 50 local offices nationwide located as far afield as Inverness and Cornwall.

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