

## NEWS RELEASE – 15 DECEMBER 2020

### **Hills Quarry Products will continue its ongoing Health and Safety commitment with a fresh focus in 2021**

For the sixth year in a row, Hills Quarry Products will delay the opening of all its sites on the first day back to work (Monday 4 January), to allow employees to participate in a morning of Health and Safety training sessions as part of Hills' ongoing commitment to excellent Health and Safety. Hills' focus for 2021 is 'Targeting the Fatal 6 to achieve Vision Zero' in collaboration with the Mineral Products Association of which Hills Quarry Products is a member.

Peter Andrew, Group director Hills Quarry Products, said: "Over the last few years we have taken time on our return to work to remind employees of the importance of everyone's Health and Safety at our sites.

"This includes a review of our achievements over the past year and setting new Health and Safety targets which are based on both feedback from employees and independent Health and Safety auditors. This year, in collaboration with the Mineral Products Association, our vision is to eliminate the causes of injuries and ill health from our workplace. To do this, our employees are encouraged to embrace the following six values:

1. Empowerment
2. Engaged, visible and consistent leadership
3. Zero tolerance of unsafe working conditions
4. High quality implementation
5. Collaboration and sharing
6. Compliance

Hills is focussing on these six values to use them to target the 'Fatal 6' which are recognised to be responsible for the majority of injuries within the mineral extraction industry.

The Fatal 6 are:

1. Contact with moving machinery and isolation
2. Workplace transport and pedestrian interface
3. Work at height
4. Workplace Respirable Crystalline Silica
5. Strick by moving or falling object
6. Road traffic accidents

Peter said: "Hills will start 'Targeting the Fatal 6 to achieve Vision Zero' on Monday 4 January 2021 with ongoing briefings and training throughout the year. By starting the New Year with training sessions we reinforce our philosophy that Health and Safety remains a top priority for our business and supports the excellent Health and Safety record achieved so far."

The training sessions will be held across operational sites in Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, and Dorset where Hills operate sand and gravel quarries and ready-mixed concrete production plants.



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Notes to editors:

**Hills Quarry Products** specialises in the production and supply of quarry products and ready-mixed concrete to the construction and agricultural sectors. It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas to become one of the region's largest suppliers. Hills Quarry Products is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Hills Group Limited, a privately owned family company established in 1900. [www.hills-quarry.co.uk](http://www.hills-quarry.co.uk)

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