



Gold medals are awarded to philanthropic individuals who have consistently demonstrated an uninterrupted, distinguished and notable voluntary service to the trade body OPERC and / or the wider plant and equipment community. Recipients of the award need not be holders of high profile office within the community, but there are key essential and desirable criteria which indicate their leadership and firm commitment to the betterment of industry. Nominees must demonstrate that the culmination of their activities extends into the wider community and that such activities are over and above those that form part of their everyday employment roles, duties and responsibilities.

## INDUSTRY AWARDS

### Sir Anthony Bamford, JCB

For an outstanding lifetime contribution to British industry and the plant and equipment community.

“Academics often talk about entrepreneurship, innovation and enterprise as if these talents can be learnt through reading a textbook or imparted upon others by writing a research paper. If this were true, then surely we would all have achieved what this recipient (and his family) has. The global success story started 65 years ago when a young Staffordshire man decided to set-up an engineering business. That man Mr Joseph Cyril Bamford (JCB) laid the foundation that his son Sir Anthony Bamford has built upon. The company today has a product range in excess of 300 machines and a turnover of over £2 billion – not bad for a business that was started in what can only be described as a small shed. On behalf of industry and commerce it is a pleasure and honour to present this gold award to the best of British in every sense of the word and for a lifetime of achievement beyond all reasonable expectation”



*Award accepted on behalf of Sir Anthony Bamford, by Mr Tim Burnhope, Group Managing Director, Product Development and Commercial Operations, JCB*

### Mr Martin Knott, Speedy Hire plc

For an outstanding contribution to health, safety and the environment within the plant and equipment hire sector.

“Martin has been a captain of pragmatism and common sense and has consistently palced the interests of the greater good at the forefront of the health and safety agenda. Within the plant and machinery hire sector, Martin has devoted a career to augmenting the health, safety, welfare and professionalism of the industry and has been a staunch supporter of hand-arm vibration research work. I have personally learnt a lot from this man, with regards to pulling teams of people together to get the very best result, working constructively and turning ambitions and plans into reality. A philanthropist, innovator, optimist, visionary and wonderful orator, Martin represents the very best of British professionalism.”



### Mr Chris Miller, Miller Plant Hire

For an outstanding contribution to plant and equipment professionalism and supporting apprentice engineers.

“Chris is a highly professional and respected man who is firmly established within the industry via his impressive links with the Contractors’ Mechanical Plant Engineers (CMPE). Over his career, Chris has tirelessly given both his time and resources to support colleagues and young engineers alike and has worked to promote a far more professional and educated industry for all. Chris has consistently been a beacon for common sense and plain talking and it is little wonder that he is both truly respected and admired amongst his peers. I personally owe him a debt of gratitude as a recipient of his generosity.”

