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Press Release

Plymouth Manufacturers' Group holds major Health & Safety seminar in City

Ken Woodward, reputedly the world's most inspiring and memorable safety speaker, will be presenting along with Jon Cooper a nationally leading practitioner in health and safety law with Bond Pearce solicitors.

In a horrifying workplace accident Ken lost his eyesight as well as his sense of taste and smell. It left his family devastated and his colleagues traumatised. Like all accidents, it could have been prevented. From that moment on he was determined to do all he could to make sure it didn't happen to anyone else.

Since then, his dedication towards creating positive safety cultures and setting new standards has improved the working lives of thousands of people and changed the way hundreds of organisations operate.

Over the last decade he has become a globally recognised figure, providing people with the awareness, mindset and confidence to comfortably approach occupational safety issues with a fresh perspective.

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On **Wednesday 27th October** at Wood View Learning Community, Ken will be addressing over two hundred and fifty members of the Plymouth Manufacturers' Group which represents the collective interests of nearly fifty firms from across the Plymouth travel-to-work-area. In addition a major expo of over twenty local H&S service providers will also be held.

Jon Cooper, Partner at national law firm Bond Pearce, heads up the firm's health, safety and environment unit, whose work covers not only prosecution and enforcement action but increasingly advisory work in relation to risk management, health and safety policies and due diligence in corporate transactions including advice on all aspects of health and safety.

Jon has been recognised as a leading practitioner in health and safety for a number of years. Chambers Guide to the UK Legal Profession says Jon is "a brilliant lawyer with enormous expertise," he is considered a "national heavyweight" and he impresses commentators with his "availability and proactive approach".

Steve Wooding, Chair of the Plymouth Manufacturers' Group (PMG)'s Health & Safety sub-group said, "We're absolutely delighted to have Ken and Jon join us for what we hope will be a truly inspirational day. Today's event has been organised with the joint objectives of promoting H&S awareness within the PMG and introducing local businesses who provide a H&S services to the Plymouth manufacturing community."

John Butcher, Director of the Wood View Learning Community and host for the meeting said, "I am delighted that we are able to welcome so many partners from industry to the Wood View Learning Community. Our learning community is challenged with supporting families and providing a work force for the future and I am delighted to see so many established leaders in industry returning to school!

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Our modern and innovative learning community is designed to accommodate learners from all walks of life and all ages and it is a delight that we are able to host professional seminars which demonstrate that learning is a lifelong experience. We also look forward to using today as a platform for building future partnerships".

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Note to Editors:

If you wish to interview either Ken Woodward or Jon Cooper on the day of the event please contact Steve Gerry, Secretary to the PMG ***before*** *the 27th October - details shown below.*

PMG Background Statistics:

- 12,800 employees
- £1.6 billion turnover pa
- Represents all the largest manufacturers in the TTWA and
- 16 of the largest 130 employers in Devon & Cornwall (over 12%)

The Aims of the PMG Network are:

- To provide a network for the convenient means of interchange of information, experience and opinion between Members on matters affecting the interests of their companies and their employees.
- To represent the manufacturing and engineering sector in the Plymouth TTW area and beyond
- To provide a communication's channel between Members of the Group, the local authorities and other appropriate agencies and organisations.
- To recognise the particular business requirements of growing SME's

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