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Employees, Customers and Suppliers share Smartstak's Royal achievement

Sheffield-based Smartstak, a division of the supply chain innovator Loadhog, received a royal visit when the Queen's representative in South Yorkshire, Lord Lieutenant, David Moody presented the company with a Queen's Award in the innovation category won last April.

At the presentation ceremony, attended by all Loadhog employees in addition to suppliers and current and potential customers, Smartstak was presented with a crystal bowl engraved with The Queen's Awards Emblem as a symbol of its success in significantly reducing breakages in the glass bottle industry.

Launched in 2007, the patented Smartstak system comprises an injection moulded, waved edge layer Smartpad and a spring loaded Smartframe, which work together to prevent the collapse of bottles during transportation or storage. The system, which is securing increasing orders in both the UK and Australia, is currently transporting more than 850 million bottles annually, also improving trailer fill and cost reductions to its customer base.

Dave Arthur, Smartstak's general manager, said: "The Queen's Award is the UK's highest honour for businesses, so we're extremely proud to have secured this royal recognition of excellence. The presentation ceremony was a wonderful opportunity to share this success with everyone connected to our business. These are very worthwhile awards - I recommend them to any business which can prove it is among the best in its field."

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