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## **PALL-EX WINS MAJOR AWARD FOR ITS FLAGSHIP PURPOSE-BUILT HUB**

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Company is first in UK for Warehouse Innovation and receives “highly commended” for environmental initiatives.

Pall-Ex has again been recognised in prestigious national industry awards. The company scooped the top accolade in the Warehouse Innovation category at the Motor Transport Supply Chain Awards for its outstanding new purpose-built transshipment hub at Ellistown near Leicester. The winners were announced on Tuesday 14th September at the Supply Chain Awards Dinner 2004 in the London Hilton at which Pall-Ex was also awarded a “highly commended” in the Environment category. The company was picked for the award ahead of joint bids by major corporations including British Airways with Christian Salvesen and MFI with Cirrus Logistics.

**Pall-Ex is the No. 1 pallet network in the UK. The company moved into its brand new purpose-built hub in March 2003. Built on a 21-acre brown-field site in Leicestershire, the building combines the administrative headquarters of Pall-Ex (UK) Limited including top facilities for staff and customers, with a 200,000 sq ft transshipment hub which is the only non-drive through hub in the pallet sector. The building was designed by Clarke Matthews Limited, Cardiff-based engineers and project managers, who worked closely with Pall-Ex in the development of the design and oversaw the construction through to completion and commissioning.**

The design concept means that commercial vehicles are kept outside the building and loading and unloading takes place under innovative 17.5m long cantilevered canopies along each side. At the same time Pall-Ex introduced a new fleet of fork-lift trucks operating solely on compressed natural gas, the cleanest fuel available today. The result is the combination of the most outstanding operational practices with the highest environmental standards in the pallet sector.

The Supply Chain Awards, presented by top transport industry publication Motor Transport, recognise and reward outstanding achievement in the industry. Motor Transport wrote: “Pall-Ex (UK)’s new purpose-built £12M 20,000 sq m hub in Leicestershire was designed from the outset with the highest operational and environmental standards in mind – to be cleaner, faster and safer than any other pallet hub in the country.”

Receiving the award, managing director Hilary Devey said: “The hub was a major investment for us but it has paid off in so many ways already. Our aim was to provide the best and most efficient transshipment hub in the industry and to give first class service to the supply chain. We know we have succeeded, but to receive industry-wide recognition

through this award is the icing on the cake.”

Earlier this year Pall-Ex was also named “European Distributor of the Year 2004” by the Institute of Transport Management and the company is a finalist in the Institute of Logistics and Transport’s awards due to be announced in October.

#### About Pall-Ex

Pall-Ex was established in 1996 by Hilary Devey to deliver small consignments of palletised freight cost-effectively throughout the UK. In eight years, the company has become the UK’s largest operator of a palletised “hub and spoke” freight network, with 90 depots throughout the UK and Europe and a purpose-built £12M hub in Leicestershire. Pall-Ex offers a comprehensive range of pallet storage and delivery solutions, with access to over 6,000 vehicles and over five million square feet of warehousing in the UK and Europe. It also supports the industry’s charity, Transaid, with its Penny-A-Pallet scheme.