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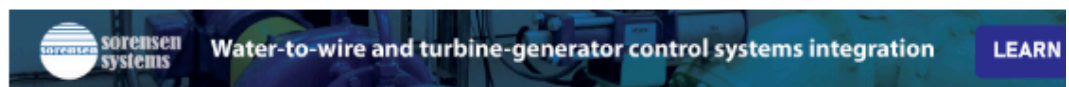
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## Gilbert Gilkes and Gordon receives Class A award for planning and control

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Kendal, UK-based manufacturing company Gilbert Gilkes and Gordon Ltd has achieved Class A performance in planning and control from Oliver Wight.

The Class A award for excellence is the industry standard for best practice business process integration and improvement, the company says. Using the principles of integrated business planning (IBP), Oliver Wight educates and inspires people to drive change throughout the organization and out into the extended supply chain. Class A is a proven, integrated approach that delivers results that stick and is awarded only to companies that attain sustained performance levels of more than 95%.

Gilkes was presented with the Class A award in mid-December.

"We work with many large organisations, but I can safely say that many of the elements Gilkes presented ... are some of the best I have seen," said Dawn Howarth, associate at Oliver Wight. "The team has taken the principles and concepts of Class A, applied them to both self-educate, and design a process that is already at the core of who and what Gilkes is."

"Class A is excellence through people!" said Andy Poole, chief executive officer of Gilbert Gilkes and Gordon. "The drive and passion for change that Class A has engendered amongst our employees has been incredible; it has united our business. The Gilkes Board strongly believes that our employees are the ultimate differentiator and achieving Class A is the start of our ongoing drive to create a high-performance workplace."

Gilkes is a privately owned global supplier to the renewable energy and high horsepower engine markets. Gilkes exports to more than 85 countries around the world and has supplied over 6,700 hydroelectric turbines worldwide.