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The Chemical Industries Association (CIA) is the organisation representing chemical and pharmaceutical companies across the UK. Their activities are split between influencing the policy agenda, sharing best practice, and the provision of advice and services to their members. They take the issues that matter to their members and campaign to ensure that industry operates safely, profitably and with due care for the interests of future generations. [www.cia.org.uk/](http://www.cia.org.uk/)

## WINNER... SLR Consulting Limited

The pandemic forced all in the industry to reappraise practises and look again at guidance for preventing issues that might impact on colleagues, downstream users and the environment. SLR Consulting have led from the front this year. They provided advisory, sustainability and environmental consultancy services to chemical businesses alongside bespoke training services. SLR provide a great service to customers, raising their profile leading to new business opportunities. Working through their Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) SLR provide access to knowledge banks, videos, reference materials and blended learning programmes. SLR updated guidance on Containment Systems for the Prevention of Pollution and assisted CIA in updating the OBRA guidance. Chemical Industries Association said that SLR's expertise in the risk assessment process for occupied buildings potentially impacted by fires, explosions or toxic release was critical and helped develop an excellent document well received by members. Training and events this year from SLR have reached over 300 companies and 4,000 individuals. [www.slrconsulting.com](http://www.slrconsulting.com)



## HIGHLY COMMENDED – Actikem

Actikem are a toll chemical manufacturing company in Warrington providing specialised liquid and powder blending, repackaging services and other bespoke solutions for customers. Actikem's entry included evidence of Corporate Social Responsibility being fully integrated into the business. The company rank in the top 5 % of all companies from EcoVadis business sustainability ratings. Actikem relentlessly focus on customer feedback and respond quickly to requests creating solutions alongside high quality products. They are committed to supporting apprentices in the industry and already in 2021 Actikem have recruited an Apprentice Laboratory Technician and an Apprentice Manufacturing Technician. Actikem adopted digital marketing and e-commerce techniques to connect with customers during the pandemic with plans to build the platform further. [www.actikem.com](http://www.actikem.com)

# Operational Excellence Award 2021 sponsored by -



CF Fertilisers are a local manufacturing company producing fertilisers for UK farming and food production. As part of CF Industries, a leading global fertiliser and chemical company, the North West complex is one of nine manufacturing and distribution facilities. Safety, operational excellence and sustainability are a key focus with all products holding full Carbon Trust accreditation. [www.cffertilisers.co.uk](http://www.cffertilisers.co.uk)

## WINNER... 2M Holdings Ltd

Most impressive to the judging panel was 2M's drive to deliver a new manufacturing process making hand sanitiser at the beginning of the pandemic within an incredibly narrow timeframe. The panel said it must have been a mammoth challenge but that the company stepped up. To enable all of this to happen 2M needed to establish sales lines, arrange logistics and then to set up a production facility itself. The new manufacturing facility measured six acres, to construct that in the timeframe, while working in a Covid secure environment, would have been particularly tough. The company illustrated the 'good' that the chemical industry can achieve - Chemistry really does save lives. To top it all 2M donated some of their production of hand sanitiser to front line health workers, emergency services, education facilities and those working in critical retail environments. [www.2m-holdings.com](http://www.2m-holdings.com)

