

# The Winners...

## Engineering Firm of the Year 2023 - sponsored by Ingevity UK Limited

### Winner - Axiom Engineering Associates Ltd

Axiom provide Asset Integrity Management Services to the UK's high-hazard and COMAH regulated sites. Axiom's ability to integrate Process Safety with its existing complementary disciplines provides a unique value proposition to operators. Axiom support clients as they transition away from conventional energy sources. The company continue to invest in skills and talent development with five new apprentices recruited since last year. The company must be doing something right as sales turnover grew 40% in 21-22 with further growth predicted this year.



## Manufacturing Company of the Year 2023 - sponsored by PM Group

### Winner - Libra Speciality Chemicals Ltd

Libra set new production records in 2022, total production volume output was up by 10% year on year, up 50% over the last four years. Libra give credit to their people for boosting production and seamlessly introducing new technologies but the company have also invested in new production capacity. During 2022 Libra commissioned a new 20,000 tpa bespoke membrane system to produce low salt betaines. And then a new 850,000 litre fully automated bulk tank farm. Despite a challenging market Libra have continued to invest in new technology, process plant and its people.



## Health and Safety Award 2023 - sponsored by Livent

### Winner - Scott Bader Company Ltd

The Judging panel were excited by the citation from Scott Bader. Significant boxes were ticked around sustainability and waste reduction but it was the possibility of ceasing or reducing the use of acetone as a cleaning material that was recognised as a significant step forward in terms of health and safety improvements on chemical production sites. The citation included an excellent description of the hierarchy of control in H&S. The fire risks when handling acetone remain high but breathing even moderate amounts of acetone can lead to irritation of the nose, throat, lungs and eyes. The development of a new water based and efficient process to clean vessels and attachments is very welcome.

