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## GPC Manchester achieves triple ISO accreditation

THE Guardian Print Centre in Manchester has become fully accredited with a triple certification in ISO standards in quality, environmental and health and safety.

All staff have been involved in working towards implementing the integrated management systems, along with Aktrion, GPC Manchester's suppliers and Penarth Management.

GPC Manchester production manager Ade Knott said: "To achieve all three management standards has been an excellent achievement and is a credit to all staff."

"To deliver all three standards simultaneously was ambitious, but the success demonstrates the commitment, drive and culture of the workforce employed here in Manchester."

Prior to achieving the standards the company employed Penarth Management to conduct a 'baseline review' of the systems already in place. Penarth added: "GPC Manchester is a well managed company despite not having operated a formal management system to recognised standards."

Ade added: "GPC London gained accreditation to all three standards in 2008. The next stage is for GPC Manchester and London to work together to achieve a combined certification. This will promote improvements in all aspects of the organisation through open communication and the sharing of ideas and initiatives. By continuously challenging current practices and procedures both print plants can learn and develop from each other."



GPC production manager Ade Knott has led the ISO project at Manchester