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BRITISH STEEL RENEWS MAJOR WORKWEAR CONTRACT

British Steel has renewed a major contract with Micronclean which supplies thousands of its employees with workwear.

British Steel has chosen to stay with Micronclean to provide the specialist clothing for more than 4,000 of its employees at its sites throughout the UK despite strong competition from alternative suppliers.

The contract renewal was based on the success of the initial contract which built a strong partnership between British Steel, its employees and Micronclean.

Chris Vaughan, British Steel's Safety, Health, Environment and Quality Director, said: "The safety and comfort of our employees, many of whom work in extreme conditions, is of paramount importance to us. The improved garment designs that are integral to this renewed contract build on the knowledge and experience developed during our partnership with Micronclean and give our employees first class clothing that not only protects them but gives them the confidence to work in the environments they do."

"We're pleased to have awarded this contract to Micronclean, another local Lincolnshire based company, and look forward to our partnership developing in the future."

The long-term agreement will see Micronclean replace, as required, current workwear across the British Steel business. Micronclean will be responsible for laundry operation and total management of British Steel workwear arrangements including garment repairs and distribution.

Micronclean is a family-run firm and employs more than 450 people worldwide, the majority of whom are based at its three main laundry sites in Lincolnshire.

The company specialises in laundered garment rental services for companies operating in critical environments be they industrial or cleanroom based.

Allison Smith, National Sales Manager at Micronclean said: "We're delighted that this major contract has been renewed and we are looking forward to further developing our partnership with British Steel."

"We are currently in the process of ordering the newly designed garments with installation due to begin in May across all British Steel locations. We've had a fantastic response from British Steel employees during our partnership, especially those involved in wearer trials during the last three years which has allowed us to refine the design of the new garments so that they can offer comfort alongside long term protection by meeting the most stringent of safety requirements".

"The revised garment design is backed by Micronclean's centralised laundering service which means that all garments are processed at the same plant, which generates quality and consistency in terms of inspection criteria, repair quality and wash processes so that all the garments we process remain in good condition for their agreed lifetime and are returned to the correct lockers time after time without fail."