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Workingmums.co.uk launches Top Employer Awards 2010

Workingmums.co.uk, the UK's number one jobsite for professional working mums and flexible jobseekers, is proud to announce the launch of its inaugural annual Top Employer Awards to publicly recognise and celebrate the achievements of companies offering leading practices in flexible working, diversity and work life balance.

Workingmums.co.uk attracts thousands of candidates and jobseekers each month who are highly-skilled and qualified women working in a wide range of roles. Results from its annual survey of over 1,600 jobseekers show that 79% of these experienced and professional women value flexibility in the way they work, including flexible hours, home working or part-time work. The Workingmums.co.uk Top Employer Awards recognise employers who are progressive in their flexible working practices and proactive in seeking to assist working parents combine successful careers with being a parent.

Gillian Nissim, Founder of Workingmums.co.uk says: "We've decided to launch the awards on the back of demand from employers and candidates alike - we want to share good practice and inspire others. Too often the case for flexible working is argued simply as an employee benefit. The organisations that we work with are demonstrating that new, more flexible ways of working offer many benefits for both employer and employee."

The Workingmums.co.uk Top Employer Awards has its own microsite where companies can enter the awards or find out more information about this exciting event:

<http://www.workingmums.co.uk/topemployerawards/>

Winners will be announced at an award ceremony being held at The Soho Hotel, London, on 5th October 2010. **Closing date for entries is 23rd July 2010.**

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Notes to Editors:

The awards:

Workingmums.co.uk invites entries from organisations of all sizes. There are five award categories. Applicants can enter more than one category.

- Overall Top Employer Award
- Innovation Award
- Commitment & Development Award
- Employee Engagement Award
- SME Award [for companies with under 250 employees]

To apply organisations are invited to complete an application covering key areas such as flexible working practice, return to work, diversity and parent support. Employers may submit evidence including case studies and monitoring reports alongside their application.

Shortlisted entrants will be judged by a panel that includes experts on the issues concerned, including Andy Lake, Editor, Flexibility.co.uk; Jennifer Liston-Smith, People in Progress; Pip Dorkings from the Daycare Trust; and Gillian Nissim, Founder, Workingmums.co.uk. Winners will be announced at the WorkingMums.co.uk Top Employer Awards ceremony to be held on 5th October 2010 at The Soho Hotel, London.

To apply or for more information about the awards visit:

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About www.Workingmums.co.uk

Workingmums.co.uk is the UK's number one job and community site for professional working mothers. We provide employers with a vast number of highly skilled and motivated professionals who have a wealth of experience across many industry sectors. The site has over 70,000 candidates registered and receives over 120,000 visitors per month generating over a million page impressions.

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