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**PETARDS GROUP PLC**

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**‘Made in the North East’ Awards 2025**

Petards, the AIM quoted developer of advanced security, communication and surveillance systems, is pleased to announce that Petards Rail received two awards at the recent *Insider* ‘Made in the North East’ Awards 2025.

At the awards ceremony, Petards Rail was announced as the winner of both the Automotive, Aerospace and Rail Award and the Sustainable/Ethical Manufacturer Award.

Judges cited the company’s web-based platform for editing, validating, approving, and distributing its Automatic Selective Door Operation (ASDO) Database wirelessly, as revolutionary in the way it enables train fleets to respond to infrastructure changes.

In awarding the company Sustainable/Ethical Manufacturer, the judges felt Petards Rail’s ambitious sustainability targets for 2030, its commitment to maintaining EcoVadis Platinum rating and its ongoing improvement across all ESG pillars made it the stand-out candidate.

In addition, Petards Rail was also shortlisted for Manufacturing Future Talent and one of its apprentices, Logan Cook, was shortlisted as Apprentice of the Year.

*Insider’s* Made in the North East Awards 2025 showcased the quality products and services that manufacturing and engineering companies in the North East supply, and the skilled people that work for them. As winners of these regional awards Petards Rail will be invited to the national ‘Made in the UK’ Awards to be held in Liverpool in June.

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**Notes to editors:**

Petards Rail supports its customers in maximising passenger safety and optimising train and rail service performance levels through its in-house designed technology that includes Automatic Selective Door Operation, Driver Controlled Operation systems, on-train passenger camera monitoring systems, forward and rear facing cameras, track debris cameras, and pantograph surveillance systems.

eyeTrain Connect, Petards back-office software system, provides real-time, accurate analysis rail vehicles and on-board equipment, including status, usage and condition data on a train-by-train level. It allows train operators to monitor and analyse train status, condition, and positional data in real-time to reduce service delays and the risk and impact of incidents. It enables

interrogation of historical data to identify trends, analyse incidents and make informed decisions regarding rail fleet performance.

Petards have developed its PTeye solution incorporating the latest in AI-ready technology, to prevent passenger “trap and drag” incidents before train dispatch.

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