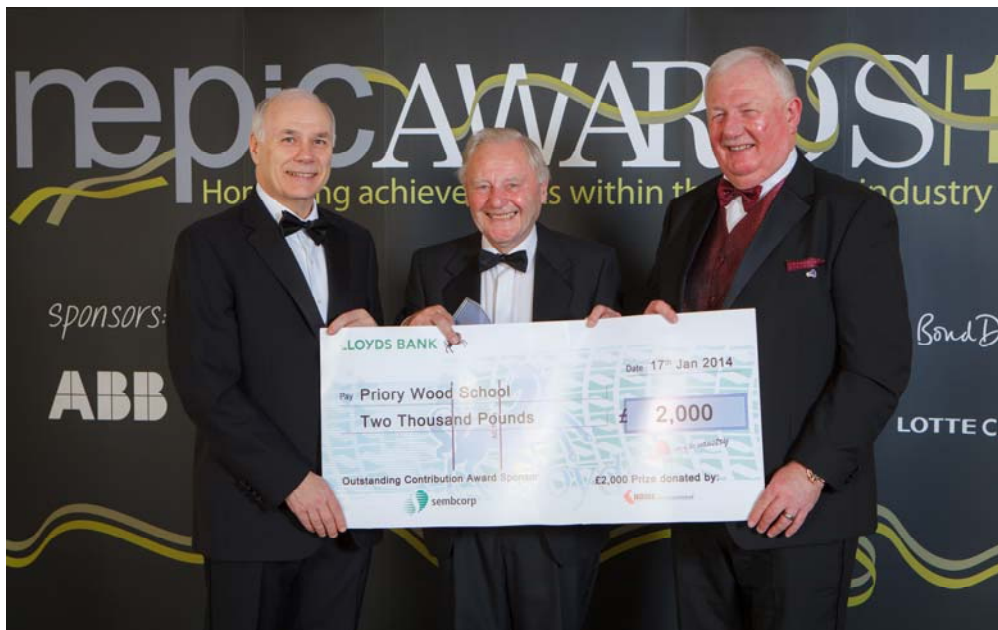


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**Ken Home receives the
NEPIC Outstanding Contribution
Award 2013!**



*l-r: Paul Booth, NEPIC Chairman and European Director at SABIC UK Petrochemicals
Ken Home OBE, Chairman and Founder of K Home International
with previous winner George Ritchie, Senior Vice President Regional HR & SVP at Semcorp Utilities UK*

Ken Home OBE, Chairman and Founder of K Home International has been awarded the Outstanding Contribution Award 2013 at the prestigious NEPIC Annual Awards Dinner, held at Hardwick Hall on the evening of Friday 17 January 2014.

As part of the award Ken Home received a cheque for £2,000 to be donated to Priory Wood School, based in Middlesbrough. Ken has matched the same amount to the Special Olympics, a charity that supports people with special educational needs to achieve their full potential.

He said: "I was surprised, delighted and proud to be told I was receiving this award from my peers within the NEPIC family.

"As a company we have participated in NEPIC since its inception and benefited from its industry support activities.



“I would both encourage and challenge all the young stars receiving their awards to utilise their skills and leadership capability to maintain our locality as a world leading location for the process industry into the future.”

Ken Home is born and bred in Teesside but with a very international outlook on life. His professional career started as an apprentice at Dorman Long studying at Constantine College. Following military service he attended Newcastle University where he gained a degree and MSc.

Joining Head Wrightson, he was part of a company which demonstrated that British and North East engineering was world class. By 40 he had become one of the youngest directors at Head Wrightson.

In 1973, hoping to make more of a future in starting up his own business, now forty years later his aspirations have evolved into a world-class engineering firm, which has earned him an OBE for services to industry. K Home International operates globally across a wide range of sectors, has secured millions of pounds worth of work for the region, employed hundreds of staff in its time and trained over 50 young apprentices along the way.

Ken Home and the company have been rewarded with a multitude of accolades. In 1994, the Teesside Company of the Year Award, 1997 Ken received the Teesside Business Executive of the Year. In 2003 the company collected the Teesside Company of the Year Award yet again, as well as the North East Company of the Year. In both 1998 and 2005 the company won the prestigious Queens Award for Export and in November 2013 Ken's achievements were further recognised with the award of an honorary degree in Business Administration from Teesside University.

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