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**PPMA Group Industry Awards 2019**

**Call for Entries – Deadline: 17 July**

PPMA Group is today issuing a **‘Final Call for Entries’** to the [2019 PPMA Group Industry Awards](https://www.ppmatotalshow.co.uk/awards/ppma-group-industry-awards). All companies within the packaging and processing sector are invited to submit their FREE submission by the deadline of **17 July 2019**.

Held at the National Conference Centre (NCC) on **1 October 2019**, the Awards evening brings together more than 300 industry professionals and stakeholders to celebrate the finest examples of innovation, smart manufacturing and entrepreneurship.

Award entry submissions are open to all PPMA Group members (PPMA, BARA and UKIVA) and others involved in the industry. For more information and to enter an award, visit: <https://www.ppmatotalshow.co.uk/awards/ppma-group-industry-awards>.

There are 12 Awards categories in total, ranging from most innovative technologies in processing, packaging, robotics, vision systems and ancillary equipment, to achievements in sales, export and the environment.

The ‘Apprentice of the Year’ Award serves to acknowledge the most promising young talent within the processing and packaging, robotics and automation and industrial vision industries.

Companies that have developed a comprehensive apprenticeship or training programme also have the opportunity to be recognised through the PPMA BEST Award.

All entries will be judged by a panel of eight independent industry experts, including academia, end-users, editors and engineers.

This year’s Awards, which comprises a three-course gala dinner, will be hosted by UK television presenter and magician, Stephen Mulhern, who has presented on Britain’s Got Talent, Catchphrase and Big Star’s Little Star – to name a few.

**Ends**

**The PPMA Group Industry Awards 2019**

The PPMA Group Industry Awards are organised by the Processing and Packaging Machinery Association (PPMA). <https://www.ppmatotalshow.co.uk/awards/ppma-group-industry-awards>.

**About the PPMA Group**

The PPMA Group of Associations comprises the Processing and Packaging Machinery Association (PPMA), British Automation & Robot Association (BARA) and UK Industrial Vision Association (UKIVA). Its mission is to actively help its 565-plus members through services, tools and initiatives to thrive in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

Its *PPMA Show* and *PPMA Total Show* exhibitions are hailed as the UK’s unmissable, free-to-attend, processing and packaging machinery events. In 2017, the Group also launched the first UKIVA, Machine Vision Conference and Exhibition, which recently celebrated its third successful event. More information of all of these events can be found on: www.ppma.co.uk

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