



## **ADP Security Systems officially ‘one of the best’**

ADP Security Systems has received confirmation that the Security Industry Authority, the country’s regulator for the security industry, has accredited them with Approved Contractor status. The company is listed on the website [www.the-sia.org.uk](http://www.the-sia.org.uk) as an Approved Contractor, one of only 144 companies in the UK to be accredited so far.

On the Security Industry Authority’s website, it states: “Our Register of Approved Contractors lists all of the organisations that have met the requirements for the Approved Contractor Scheme. These organisations have distinguished themselves as being amongst the best providers of private security services in England and Wales.”

Dave Preston, director of ADP, explained what this means for the firm:- “At the moment this is a voluntary scheme but we are sure it is only a matter of time before it becomes compulsory. Being an Approved Contractor means that our service is guaranteed to be of a certain standard and we shall make sure all of our guards continue to be licensed.

“In a nutshell, the SIA has stipulated a number of things that a responsible security company should be and ADP has complied with every one of these requirements. They include holding standards such as ISO 9001:2000 and Investors in People, as well as a number of British Standards for all aspects of security covering vetting of staff, manned guarding, keyholding, security patrols – in fact everything that we do.

“We want to build our business as one of the best security providers in the South of England and this is another piece in the jigsaw to take us further down that path.”

Dave continued: “We are still very concerned about the apathy there appears to be in some companies about the new security industry licensing. The fact is that if a company employs security guards on a sub-contract basis, it must find out whether they are licensed. SIA Investigators have been carrying out visits to check that security operatives are legally deployed under the Private Security Industry Act 2001. If not, then the buyer could be liable for penalties as well as the security contractor, with a knock-on effect on business reputation and insurance cover.”