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Star Apprentice Awards sponsored by **Travis Perkins PLC**

In 2013 leading merchant Travis Perkins and Travis Perkins Managed Services kindly sponsored the Building Lives Star Apprentices campaign, which rewarded 10 apprentices for their hard-work and commitment with brand new tools worth £100. The campaign involved nominations from College Tutors, Apprentice Officers, NVQ Assessors and site staff every month. Nominations came flooding in and selecting winners has been very difficult.

Supporting communities is close to the heart of the Travis Perkins Group who generously donated £2.2m to UK charities in 2012. The Building Lives team has been bowled over by the kind donation of toolboxes for Star Apprentices from Travis Perkins in addition to thousands of pounds worth of discounted tools for the new Building Lives Academy's. Steve Rawlings, CEO and Founder of Building Lives, thanked Travis Perkins for their amazing contribution.

## Novembers Star Apprentices

**Travis Perkins Hackney Star** WINNER: **Nekolai Ampte-Sechereh, 27 – KAFFTEN LTD**



Contractor: Kafften Ltd

Client: Hackney Local Authority

'It's helpful to have the people around me recognise the commitment and effort I have put in by putting me forward as a nominee for this award. In the period I have been an apprentice under the Building Lives scheme I have become a first-time father and moved into a new home with my daughter and partner. Changes in my life that have made me question pursuing the change of career I had decided on but I've kept faith in myself and the future prospects opened up by completing the programme. It gives me added incentive to remain on track and complete the course achieving the qualifications.'

Nekolai Ampte-Sechereh, Hackney Star Apprentice – Kafften Ltd

Nekolai attracted the attention of Denis Peardon, the Managing Director of Kafften who sadly passed away very recently. Denis was an absolute inspiration to all four Building Lives apprentices who all had the pleasure in meeting him. Despite his busy schedule Denis made an effort to get out to site to see each apprentice personally to find out how they were doing and to offer them as much support as possible. Denis invested in Nekolai by putting him through Site Management Safety Training and he spoke very highly of him saying: 'Nekolai has an excellent attitude and I believe with the right mentoring he will go on to be a great Kafften employee for years to come.'

Our thoughts and prayers are with Denis' family at this sad time and we would like to thank Denis and Kafften's for their continuing support. We formally acknowledge the significant impact Denis has made on all of the Building Lives apprentices working at Kafften and we are proud to have worked with him.

We continue to work closely with Kafften's and new directors Gemma Peardon and Robert Wilders who have worked alongside Denis for many years. Kafften continues Denis legacy in investing in building lives and giving young people opportunities.

“Kafften prides itself on the longevity of its working relationship with both our clients and our workforce. These two relationships are an intrinsic link to the success of every project.”

“Kafften employ and fully train specialist in-house tradesmen to carry out the wide ranging services we provide. Our multi-skilled team is the reason why many Main Contractors choose to use us rather than dividing the work between several separate contractors. Our principle business objective is customer satisfaction and this is achieved via the experienced and professional manner of the Kafften team.” “We are extremely proud of Nekolai and all of our apprentices from Building lives and envisage them becoming key members of our workforce progressing to a supervisory level in the years ahead”