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POOLING PARTNERS RECOGNISES INSPIRATIONAL YOUNGSTER

Company presents Fresh Produce Consortium's award

An inspirational Kenyan youngster who is making great strides in business in Britain has been recognised for his achievements at a glittering gala night hosted by comedian and actor Hugh Dennis.

Dickence Olwage was orphaned at a young age in the Kibera slums in Nairobi, and his hard work and determination to provide for his family since has seen him move to the UK and become Morgan Cargo's Commercial Manager for vegetable air exports.

He has now picked up the Fresh Produce Consortium's Young Person of the Year award, sponsored by Meriden-based Pooling Partners, in recognition of his programme to deliver more than 250 tonnes of fresh fruit from his homeland to the UK.

Dickence was presented with his award by Phil Storer, UK Director for Pooling Partners, in front of more than 500 guests at the FPC's Fresh Awards at the Intercontinental Park Lane in London on Thursday 8 June.

Dickence joined Morgan Cargo in 2010 as a warehouse operative, and last year he set up an airfreight programme for one of the largest raspberry growers in Kenya, delivering more than 250 tonnes of this highly perishable product direct to the retailer's UK packhouse. This year's programme will double this volume.

In choosing him for the award, the judges recognised Dickence's "inspirational endeavour in a challenging environment."

Pooling Partners is Europe's largest pooler and manufacturer of sustainable wooden pallets to the supply chain, and actively encourages new ways of thinking from so-called Millennials in its workforce.

Phil Storer, UK Director for Pooling Partners, said: "We were delighted to sponsor this award as our business thrives on new ideas which Millennials like Dickence can bring to the party.

“It’s the under 30s recognised by this award whose ideas will help businesses like ours run more efficiently. People like Dickense have an enthusiasm and optimism about the future and a grasp of smart technology which are critical skills to have.

“Dickence is a very worthy winner of this award and it was a pleasure to meet him and hear his story.”

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CAPTION: L-R Hugh Dennis, Dickence Olwage of Morgan Cargo and Phil Storer, UK Director for Pooling Partners.

NOTES TO EDITOR:

Pooling Partners is Europe’s number one integrated full-service pooler and producer of pallets and boxes.

With a history dating back to 1891, this Dutch family business provides pallet and box pooling services across Europe and is also one of Europe’s largest producers of wooden pallets. Visit www.poolingpartners.com.

The Fresh Produce Consortium (FPC) is the UK’s fresh produce trade association and is widely recognised as the voice of the UK industry. Visit www.freshproduce.org.uk.

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