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Slippery when wet

Risk of slips and trips doubles in wet conditions

The recent icy weather has caused no end of problems for businesses and organisations as staff and customers have battled against the elements. However the problems have not ended at the front door. As snow and slush is brought in by those who have managed to get across the threshold, hard surfaces can become dangerously slippery and cause a potential health and safety risk, with painful and potentially expensive slips and trips perhaps twice as likely to occur.

A huge increase in fractures has been reported since the beginning of the cold snap, but for many businesses slippery floors pose a potential danger whatever the weather conditions. Factories, leisure clubs, shopping malls, transport hubs, hospitals and nursing homes are among the premises which should be rigorously evaluating the safety of their floor surfaces to minimise slipping hazards, which cost companies and public bodies millions of pounds annually in compensation payments.

Steven Phillips, Managing Director of flooring care specialists Bonasystems, explains:

"A clean dry floor is a prerequisite for organisations who want to avoid causing injury to employees, visitors, shoppers, patients etc. as the risk of slipping on natural hard surface tiled floors has been shown to double in wet conditions. In today's litigious society, companies and public organisations will want to do everything they can to avoid compensation claims caused by accidents on their premises.

"One of the problems we've found is that organisations don't test for – and therefore don't know – the degree to which their floors are slip resistant when they are dry, let alone when they are wet. As part of their ongoing health & safety programmes all

organisations should have anti-slip strategies. Now is the perfect time to be developing such strategies and we're happy to help, over the next four weeks we're offering free anti-slip risk assessments."

For further information and a free slip-risk assessment report, visit www.bonasystems.com.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

- Founded in 1990, Bonasystems Limited is based in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire and aims to help clients achieve 'safe, clean, germ-free surfaces'
- Its commercial cleaning, restoration and protection products and processes include:
 - BONACLEAN – specialist floor and wall cleaner for limescale and calcium removal
 - BONAGRIP – contract-applied non-slip chemical process for ceramic, porcelain and natural hard surface floors
 - BONAPRO 1, 2 & 3 – cleans and restores hard floors after deeply ingrained soiling
 - BONAMAIN+ – cleaner that also helps combat the transmission of infections
 - BONACLEAN GEL & BONAMAIN+ GEL – for textured rubber floor surfaces
 - BONADECOR – cleaner to remove oil, grease and scuff marks from most floors
 - BONASEAL – breathable sealant to protect natural and porous hard surfaces
- Products are Compliant with US, European and UK health and safety standards
- Approval by leading Spanish and Italian tile manufacturers
- Corporate member of the CSSA, Fitness Industry Association and CERAM
- Blue chip customers in seven European countries and Middle East with expansion planned into the US and other global markets

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