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**Merlin Entertainments plc achieves 14<sup>th</sup> Place in 2016 Sunday Times prestigious '25 Best Big Companies to Work For'!**

Last week, for the second year in a row, Merlin Entertainments achieved one of the ultimate recognitions for any employer in the UK, and worldwide, when the company made it to 14th position in the prestigious 2016 Sunday Times '25 Best Big Companies to Work For'.

Over 900 organisations from a wide range of industries participated in the Sunday Times 'Best Companies' survey to measure the engagement of their employees. The survey carried out amongst employees of each organisation, covered eight key engagement areas: My Manager, Leadership, My Company, Personal Growth, My Team, Giving Something Back, Fair Deal, Wellbeing. The responses from these surveys are collated and combined to produce an overall engagement score for each organisation. Only the organisations with the highest levels of engagement qualify for inclusion in the '25 Best Big Companies to Work For' list.

Commenting, Tea Colaianni, Merlin Entertainments Group HR Director said: "We are exceptionally proud that for two consecutive years we have made it into the top 25 and that this year we further improved our ranking. This is not only a fantastic achievement for Merlin, but also a testament to our continuing investment in our people and in their training and development; and the hard work of our managers and HR teams around the globe. Merlin's success rests with 'Team Merlin', our extraordinary people who have an absolute passion for what they do, not only delivering memorable experiences to our visitors, but also creating the unique, buzzing, fun and magical environment we work in. That's why this award is so very important to us, because it is based on feedback from our own teams and reflects what it means for them to work at Merlin. We were very proud to read their comments, and while this is a UK based survey our own internal feedback shows that the sentiments that they expressed are echoed worldwide across the Merlin 'family'."

