

NEWSLETTER



“ Specialising in total quality
precision engineered solutions ”

QUALITY WITHOUT COMPROMISE

Swifttool have expanded



Swifttool, already recognised as one of the region's leading precision engineering companies has recently completed a move to its new manufacturing facility after being awarded a grant of £600,000 from the East Midlands Development Agency (emda).

The purchase of the 30,000 sq ft manufacturing facility at Brookside Way, Huthwaite, is part of a £3 million expansion project by Swifttool and increases the shop floor space giving an extra 18,000 sq ft for future investment and growth.

The company has already invested £250,000 updating the facility to include overhead cranes, the very latest IT system including a direct link to all of the machine tools, a brand new inspection department and military clean room, a dedicated pressure test facility capable of testing parts to 30,000 psi, and

a fully fitted off line programming department with 3D CAD/CAM modelling capability.

Production stopped at the Stanton Hill site on Wednesday the 7th July at 8-00pm and with the help of Merritt's and the hard work of our staff, manufacturing was able to resume on Monday the 11th with the first machining operation taking place at 9-15am!

This was the culmination of months of planning and required cooperation from all parties including electrical contractors, machine movers, commissioning engineers, and a small army of plumbers, painters, and general labourers!

The new facility will support further growth forecast by Swifttool, almost doubling the workforce over the next few years and has already started to attract the attention of potential new customers some of which are already benefiting from our new streamlined production setup which

without the expansion would not have been possible. The new factory has allowed us to layout the machines in order to optimise production and minimise queuing times and potential bottleneck areas.

John O'Reilly, emda's Business Support Director, said:

“Swifttool Precision Engineering is an excellent example of a company experiencing growth despite the difficult economic climate. We were delighted to be able to work with this company to ensure that the investment in the new manufacturing facility was made.

Grant for Business Investment (GBI) has helped many businesses across Nottinghamshire and the whole of the East Midlands to develop and grow.”

GBI is one of the Government's Solutions for Business products and is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).



Rolls-Royce

Long Term Agreement signed

Swiftool are pleased to announce a further strengthening to its partnership with Rolls Royce Power Engineering PLC with a recent signing of a 5 year long term agreement to supply over 470 line items.

Swiftool managed to maintain the previous 2009 prices in 90% of all items despite an increase in processing costs and certain raw materials.

The ability to continually improve is key to our success and clearly demonstrates our commitment to providing our customers with the very highest quality parts at the most economic cost.

Dave Grainger, Category Leader for Rolls Royce added:

"Swiftool Precision Engineering Limited has been a supplier of precision machined parts to the UK Submarines programme for in excess of 20 years. Our Strategic relationship was secured in 2009 via a 5 year Long

Term Agreement, securing a high percentage of our high integrity precision machined components. Swiftool have demonstrated an ability not only to offer high integrity precision machined parts, but also have the capabilities to give engineering support and have used this to bring improvements to a number of our products.

In the industry sector we serve, a continuous high quality performance has to be achieved to become a Strategic Supplier. Swiftool are an organisation that we have come to trust to deliver excellence and are currently fully engaged with Rolls-Royce in a continuous improvement programme via SC21.

Swiftool Precision Engineering are currently the only supplier of machined components to the Rolls-Royce Submarines business that we have secured a partnering agreement with via a Long Term Agreement."

HIGH GROWTH AWARD



Who's Who of Britain's Business Elite

Swiftool has been awarded the whos who business elite

Swiftool have been recognised for the second year running as one of the fastest growing companies in the country.

The list has been compiled by the Who's Who Publications Plc and Swiftool feature for their continued growth and investment.

New Starters

"Our biggest asset is our people"

Since our last newsletter we have recruited six new members of staff to our company, Lee Simmons, Steve Young, and Andrew Buchan take up roles as manufacturing engineers.

Paul Lester takes up the role of Production Manager, Emma Smith as Planner/Scheduler, and Paul Smith as Maintenance Engineer. We wish them the very best and look forward to working with them as the company continues to grow.

We would also like to congratulate Michael Murphy for completing his apprenticeship and Graham Smith for his promotion to CNC Programmer.

Swiftool Go Green



With a little help from the carbon trust Swiftool have managed to reduce its carbon footprint. The new factory has been fully fitted with low energy high efficiency lighting both in the factory workshop and the offices.

The lighting has been set to automatically save energy when the required LUX level is met and when certain areas are not in use. Swiftool have also invested in a power factor correction unit to compliment the high demand electricity meter which will help reduce costs by smoothing out the electrical current during peak machining times.

SC21 update



21st century supply chains

In February this year Swiftool achieved their 'continual sustainable improvement plan (CSIP) - the first Rolls Royce Marine supplier to do this.

The CSIP identifies the areas for improvement within the business and is formed from a long process of measurements and analysis involving both the manufacturing side of the business as well as the non production side. We have already started to address the issues identified and with the help

of the supplier development leaders have made significant improvements within the company to help reduce waste and improve efficiency.

Dave Bull, Director of TEC Concepts added:

"I found that Swiftool responded well during the diagnostics and that SC21 complemented their existing initiatives and confirmed some of their future plans as priority actions. SC21 has initiated several improvement activities in a proactive way with other associates.

Overall I found the Swiftool project very rewarding, their QCD (internal and external) performance levels are improving and I look forward to working with them again in the future."