

Freemen's News -items to April 2011, archived

"Kostal steps up a gear " Yorkshire Post, 22 March 2011.

The Rotherham-based firm which manufactures automotive switches for cars such as Jaguar Land Rover, Porsche and Bentley is embarking on its largest expansion in 20 years. Kostal UK is a subsidiary of the German Kostal and its growth will come mainly from a new contract with Jaguar Land Rover. Managing Director Martin Wood admitted to being surprised that the market had come back so quickly. The firm is expanding its work force and said that although the firm has a strong apprenticeship programme, the firm needed production staff and engineers now. Gary Sylvester, manufacturing executive manager, said that this was the most exciting piece of expansion and growth he had seen in the fifteen years he had been at the firm.

'Newburgh secures £20m nuclear reactor contract'

Yorkshire Post's headline reports that the Rotherham-based family firm **Newburgh** is set for a period of major growth, after winning a contract with Westinghouse Electric UK, to supply in-core reactor fuel components for British nuclear power stations.

Vincent Middleton, managing director of Newburgh said, 'This is fantastic for our team, who have been working hard for over 12 months to secure this contract. It is testament to the skills and expertise of our staff and the systems we have in place here that we have been selected from strong UK and international competition to work with Springfield Fuels.'

AESSEAL Grows

AESSEAL® is a world leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of engineered mechanical seals and sealing systems often used in pumps. **AESSEAL®** reports that their Peterborough Reliability Centre and the Total Pump Management philosophy of Ceetak happily co-existed as competitors for many years. The shareholders of Ceetak Engineering Ltd. accepted an offer from AES Engineering Ltd. to purchase all of the shares in Ceetak Engineering Ltd. and its subsidiary companies and the transaction was completed in September 2010.

Ian Wallace, the MD of Ceetak Engineering Ltd., joined the Board of **AESSEAL** plc and is responsible for the development of the merged Division, which will be branded as **AESPUMP®**. Chris Rea, MD of the **AESSEAL** Group of Companies, stated:- "2010 Group Sales would have exceeded £100 million without the contribution from this acquisition which will add at least £5 M Sterling to Group turnover in 2011. We genuinely believe that this is a rare occasion when the merger of two businesses provides huge positive synergy. This acquisition is an integral part of our strategy to grow Group Sales to £200 million in 2015."

Discovery Channel 'How it's Made'

Thomas Flynn and Co. were filmed by a Canadian team for series 15, episode 9 showing how they make one and two man cross-cut saws. The short film can be seen on YouTube.

Yorkshire Post Excellence in Business Awards, 2010

Evenort received an award in the category of Companies with a turnover up to £10m; sponsored by Yorkshire Bank. Chancellor George Osborn was the keynote speaker at the celebratory event for businesses big and small.

Manufacturer of the Year Awards, 2010

It is good to see that the Freemen of the Company were well represented at the Manufacturer of the Year awards with both **DavyMarkham** and **Gripple** gaining winning awards. From the report in '*The Manufacturer*' on-line, it seems to have been a most enjoyable evening.

" The gala event was a sell-out with over 450 people, mostly manufacturers, attending the dinner. Both big and small names were rewarded, many of whom were debutant entries. Winners ranged from big companies like Constellation Europe, part of the largest wine company in the world, Worcester-based Joy Mining and Michelin Tyres UK, to successful Sheffield-based SMEs Gripple and DavyMarkham. "

'Yorkshire Post' Excellence in Business Award, 2010

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/businessnews/Yorkshire-Post-Excellence-in-Business.6588225.jp>

'Yorkshire Post' Newburgh's £20m contract, November, 2010

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/businessnews/Exclusive-Newburgh-secures-20m-nuclear.6636471.jp>

'The Manufacturer' report of Manufacturer of the Year Awards, 2010

http://www.themanufacturer.com/uk/content/11332/Castle_king_at_TM_Awards_2010

Link to the video 'How to make a cross-cut saw' on YouTube

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-_qf9QGHfBg

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http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/business/business-news/demand_sees_kostal_step_up_a_gear_1_3206163