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600 UK OPENHOUSE A GREAT SUCCESS

600 UK report a tremendous visitor response to their recent Openhouse event, which ran from 11th to 13th June 2013. The three day event saw UK and overseas customers, training providers, global distributors, suppliers, local and trade press and many other engineering specialists welcomed by 600 UK to its Heckmondwike, West Yorkshire headquarters.

As well as unveiling their new manufacturing and office facility, 600 UK exhibited their range of advanced Tornado CNC turning centres, Alpha manual/CNC ~~teach~~lathes and Colchester and Harrison manual centre lathes. Also displayed were advanced workholding products from Pratt Burnerd International and taper roller bearings from Gamet Bearings. Completing the Openhouse line-up were the Raptor and D-Box fibre laser marking system from fellow 600 Group company, ElectroX; Europa turret milling machines from RK International and fixturing and workholding from John Walton Ltd.

The newly re-organised site houses dedicated manufacturing cells for all product lines, together with a customer showroom allowing the exhibiting of all 600 UK products. This is complemented by new offices for all 600 UK sales, support and head office staff.

600 UK Managing Director, Mike Berry, said: "As well as having the opportunity to showcase our superb new facility and product range, this Openhouse was our best ever in terms of visitor numbers, directly resulting in a number of significant new orders and some very strong enquiries from those who visited."

Showing for the first time were Colchester's new 2 and 3-axis Tornado CNC Turning Centres, alongside its market leading Colchester and Harrison centre and Alpha CNC combination lathe ranges. The new Tornado is built using a modular design, which provides a most robust manufacturing platform, ensuring greater accuracy and reliability, giving CNC lathe operators even more value for money.

Visitors also saw the launch of Pratt Burnerd Internationals new ~~€~~Gripfast~~q~~Combination Power Chuck, which provides CNC lathe customers with a chuck, a collet chuck and a mandrel chuck all combined in the one unit, allowing instant set-up changes for medium to small batch production runs, increasing productivity and minimizing non-

machining time.

± would like to personally thank all those visitors who came to see us at this truly memorable event, which allowed us, at 600 UK, to demonstrate the customer focus of our machine tool business and our further expansion of our machine tool, spares, accessories and components manufacturing. said Mike Berry.

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Note to Editors

The 600 Group PLC ("the Group") is a diversified engineering group with three principal areas of activity:

Machine Tools - the business has a strong reputation in the market for metal turning machines. Products range from small conventional machines for education markets, CNC workshop machines and CNC production machines. The manufacturing footprint is supported by selected outsourcing partners and machines are marketed through the Group's wholly owned international sales organisation.

Precision Engineered Components - machine spares are distributed to customers globally to help maintain the installed base of group machines which number in excess of 100,000. Additionally work holding products and taper roller bearings are sold via specialist distributors to OEMs including other machine builders.

Laser Marking - laser marking is a technologically superior alternative to inkjet marking. It requires no consumables and can operate on a continuous high speed basis when integrated into customers' production lines. The business has its own technology and proprietary software. Customer applications are diverse and range from telecommunications to pharmaceuticals. The requirement for increased product and component traceability is one of the market drivers.

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