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The team at Industrial Solutions UK has been working extremely hard to bring you an issue that is full of innovative and exhilarating companies and we are very excited to share their success and achievements with you.

We have searched the length and breadth of the UK to bring you some of the most groundbreaking innovations and this month, we are overjoyed to be highlighting the activities of Weber and Abacus Flooring.

Firstly, we would like to focus on the accomplishments Weber who this month features on page 5!

Secondly, we are featuring Abacus Flooring with the 'Flooring Solutions' profile following their impressive performance over the years. For more information, turn to page 12.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of Industrial Solutions as much as we have enjoyed bringing it to you. Happy reading and we hope to see you for the next edition

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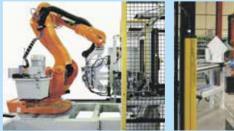
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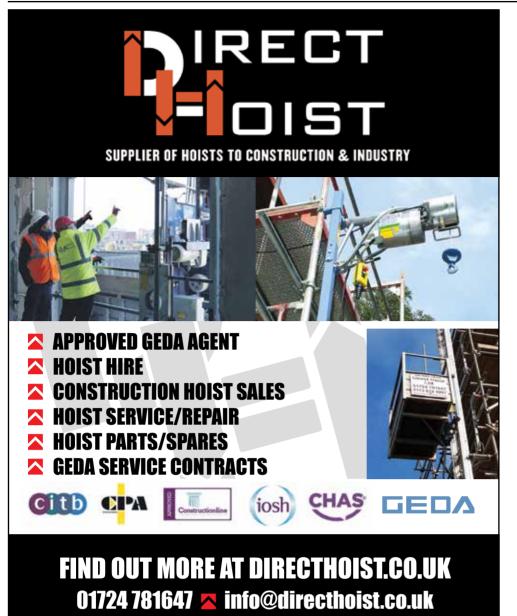


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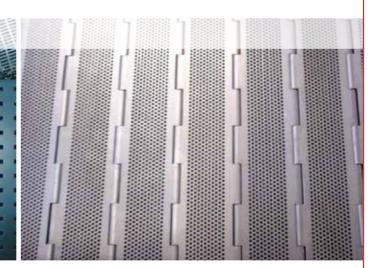
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## How has global conflict affected freight?

2022 has seen the world sadly troubled by global conflict. The war in Ukraine has had shocking scenes with lives lost and buildings destroyed. It has had a massive impact on the world, and has also had a detrimental impact on the movement of freight.

It hasn't been the best year for freight regardless. Although recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic with restrictions all over the globe, whether it be warehouses with staff isolated to entire port closures in which vessels could not call it has all made it more challenging to be able to import and export goods. The cost of living crisis is massively affecting the supply chain, consumers not being able to afford to buy goods, which means suppliers then cannot afford to import & export as many goods as they usually would. Port strikes in the UK in Seaforth and Felixstowe has led to port congestion at various ports around the country, making it that little bit more difficult to move goods efficiently. Finally, with the full effect of Brexit now kicking in, it is now a more time-consuming process to import & export with the European Union.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has had various impacts on various different industries, freight & logistics being one of them. The port of Odesa was shut down for almost 6

oil have been passed onto importers, as this is impossible for hauliers to absorb the charges themselves. With some hauliers charging up to 35% extra in fuel surcharges, the costefficiency of transport isn't what it used to be. A solution needs to be found and it needs to be found sooner rather than later if transportation costs have any chance of reducing to a more reasonable cost for manufacturers to be able to confidently move freight

worldwide

fuel costs due to of the lack of gas and



Europe, along with many parts of the world, are cracking down on Russia, to the benefit of Ukraine, and morally it is more than the right thing to do. The industry is trying once again to flourish after it has survived several hurdles the past few years, many other industries haven't been able to survive the COVID-19 pandemic, but with freight struggling through it and now slowly picking back up, the question we really have to ask is – will the world ever be normal again?

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# Davies Turner



months after the city was hit with Russian missiles. Ukraine is a big part of the global food industry, exporting grain via sea out of Odesa. With this coming to a temporary halt, global food prices shot up with the limitation of grain available to make food. Other methods of transport have been used, but the difficulty of travelling through a war torn country, as well as then having to take a longer route to the final destination, is coming at a cost to the consumer.

A major development in the war was the battle of Antonov Airport, which lead to the sheer destruction of the world's largest cargo plane – the Antonov AN-225 Mirya. This was a significant event in the war and which



has caused major consequences in shipping out-ofgauge and heavy cargo. The aircraft's last mission was shipping 90 tons of COVID-19 testing kits from Tianjin, China, delivering in Billund Denmark. It shows the big humanitarian impact the plane had on the world. The plane was set to be evacuated on the day that Russia invaded the airport; it was seen as a key target by Russia. Several other aircraft that were part of the Antonov family were destroyed by Russia in what seems like was a purposeful attack. Russia are clearly trying to hurt Ukraine's air cargo sector, which in turn will hurt consumers all over the world. Humanitarian relief is also going to struggle to be distributed, it really does make you question the morals of the attack. A rebuild has been planned however, which is set to cost 3 billion US dollars, and take place over 5 years. However, the biggest cost will be to Ukraine's air cargo sector, which will lose many million more due to the loss of the aircraft.

The lack of gas and oil in the industry is solely responsible for by this war. Russia is one of the main suppliers of gas and oil to the rest of the world, most of the other countries of the world are mercifully is standing with Ukraine and looking to aid Ukraine in some way to help limit the damage the country is taking, physically and economically. This has led to Russia not supplying gas and oil to Europe and instead sending it to India and China. European haulage is effected by this hugely. Rising

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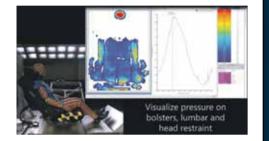
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The global Interface Inc. is represented by a large network of distributors outside of the US, and they have requested products that are designed and manufactured in metric, with the precision and accuracy of all Interface products. These products are designed for an international buyer and user, and all specifications are in metric specs, a global standard for force measurement products.



Interface Force work mainly with aerospace, automotive, and motorsport companies, and Business Development Manager Tony Rokins told us, "We work closely with companies which are undertaking research into product development, and so this includes universities and also medical companies who need load cells for weighing saline bags – we have a very wide and varied client portfolio."

In this crowded industry, Interface load cells and torque sensors have a hard-won reputation for reliable, accurate and repeatable test results. The range of pressure sensors and pressure mapping systems from industry leaders GP50 and XSensor back this reputation.

Tony continued, "With regards to force measurement, our load cells are preferred by aerospace companies because they are highly accurate, and the results are very repeatable. Also, the devices themselves are extremely reliable and so they are looked on very favourably by both automotive and aerospace manufacturers in particular."

Interface Force is currently re-launching its XSensor High Speed Pressure Mapping System – the company offers a range of pressure mapping systems that can be applied to anything from impact testing to pressure testing tires, runways, beds, seats and much more. The XSensor system is the first system design to allow product designers and safety testing engineers to see, record and evaluate the distribution of force from high-speed impacts on safety equipment such as helmets and body armour.

The system is particularly popular with automotive and aerospace seating manufacturers as evaluating the performance of helmets and other protective equipment designed to prevent injury requires detailed understanding of the pressure distribution on the body surface during dynamic impacts. Xsensor's high speed HS Impact system combined with the thin conformable sensors allows customers to accurately measure those pressures and evaluate how different design configurations affect pressure distribution on impact.

In addition to this, the system is also used by manufacturers of office seating, companies that develop seating for the home, and bed manufacturers.

In spite of its success in the industry, Interface Force is very much looking to future development. Tony informed us, "We are building new Applications which are based around renewable energy, and we are also developing



Cloud-based, Wifi and Bluetooth data acquisitions by making our devices wireless. This would mean customers being able to collect data from anywhere in the world via an App."

This ever-growing comprehensive range of indicators, signal amplifiers, data loggers and wireless transmitters has been designed to complement the extensive range of load cells, torque transducers and pressure sensors, and the range has developed to ensure that customers have access to the most accurate, up-to-date, and cost-effective devices available.

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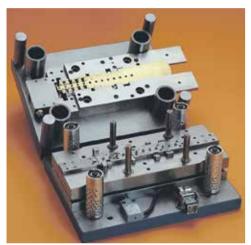


# Manufacturers of the largest spring range in the country

Operating from two locations across England, with manufacturing facilities dedicated to spring, wireform and metal pressings production in London and Cornwall, its sister company Metrol, is based in Northampton and specialises in gas struts and supplies its standard stock and gas springs. Overall, the company has a manufacturing capacity of over 7,000m<sup>2</sup>.

From sales, customer service, design, tooling, prototyping, R&D testing to full production, it offers a complete design and manufacturing service for bespoke and standard metal springs, pressings, wireforms, coil and gas springs.

"We are proud to be part of the Lesjöfors Group, giving us the capability to



manufacture and distribute across the world. Lesjöfors have manufacturing or sales offices across Europe, Korea, China, Thailand, Singapore, Mexico and the US. Thanks to Beijer Alma – our parent company's international connections, there is virtually no limit to the number or size of products or orders we

'can produce," stated Liam Bland, Marketing Manager.

European Springs and Pressings Ltd was established in 1948 and has been in operation for over 70 years. With all sites serving customers in the automotive, telecommunications, aerospace, defence, hydraulics, domestic appliances, nuclear, electrical switch gear, lighting and controls, scientific medical and pharmaceutical industries, due to the company's extensively equipped manufacturing plants, it can offer a wide variety of products and services across a plethora of industries.

"Our high-speed press components which support up to 130 tonnes allow us to offer the UK's widest range of compression springs, gas springs, torsion springs and tension springs. Thanks to our automated machinery and



experienced engineers, we are able to produce over 12,000 items from our stock catalogue at extremely competitive prices," said Liam.

Offering innovative solutions when accuracy is everything, European Springs and Pressings Ltd offers an unrivalled customtailored manufacturing

process and in-house design service for its customers. Liam explained further, "We offer design programs complete with CAD/CAM software and systems that help clients realise a range of prototype ideas which can be individually cut using precision lasers for R&D testing or put into full production. Our fully equipped tool room can design and build any production tooling needed, assuring



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competitive pricing and consistent quality supply. We continually invest in cutting-edge technologies, such as our recent acquisition the Bruderer BSTA 410-110B2, to ensure that our processes are streamlined so that we can effectively deliver even the most demanding of jobs."

In the future, the company will continue to build upon its strengths by offering the most complete service to its customers. In closing, Liam mentioned, "We have been building on the mutually supportive relationship between ESP and our sister company Metrol to generate better cross-company sales and communications, as well as promoting collaboration across our parent company Lesjöfors to foster and embed a culture of co-operation and engagement."

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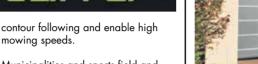
result. The Eco Clipper mowing system was originally developed to replace the cylinder mower in turfgrass production. The goal was to maintain the cutting performance of a properly tuned cylinder mower, but not the high maintenance requirement and sensitivity to mowing conditions, like wet grass and weeds.

#### The system

The smooth cutting decks with fast rotating small blades ensure a high quality of cut and a good distribution of the clippings. The clippings are also well spread in wet grass. This makes it possible to schedule this mower almost independently of the weather.

Due to the electrically driven blades, the mower is very economical and quiet. The large wheels and clever deck linking system ensure good





Municipalities and sports field and park managers have also discovered the ad-vantages of the Eco Clipper mowing system. For them, Eco Clipper offers the EC-FM4 Sport. This 4.11m wide mower has four independent cutting decks. The forward position provides excellent visibility and comfort for the tractor operator.

#### The benefits

Users report high productivity gains, a factor two compared to 5-gang self-propelled cylinder mowers, and appreciate the low maintenance and the ability to schedule the mowing even under less favourable mowing conditions, such as early morning dew and wet autumn.

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Aluminium gates are an increasingly popular gate choice, but with so many options available, how do you choose?

Like any type of gate, aluminium gate prices vary considerably depending on the options you choose.

Aluminium, as a raw material, is generally more expensive than steel but because aluminium has outstanding strength and durability, a gate made in aluminium will last far longer and it won't need any maintenance.

There are many types of aluminium gates available from bolted, bonded and screwed to fully welded gates, and in different profile thicknesses. A bolted gate will cost less than a fully welded gate because of the manufacturing process. A thicker profile means more aluminium therefore a higher price.

Alugate's Managing Director, Stewart Phillips, explains, "If you want an aluminium gate that will last a lifetime, a fully welded gate with a 3mm profile is the perfect



choice offering superior strength and durability

"At Alugate our welded aluminium gates use 3mm aluminium profiles so they're extremely strong, which means we can manufacture larger gates; up to a 10m opening on swing gates and 8m on a sliding gate.

"Our innovative manufacturing processes combine an internal weld so that water is not retained, a 3-step sanding process ensuring a smooth surface that is perfect for powder coating and super durable Qualicoat class 2 powder coating so they are fully resistant to corrosion - so that you get the very best gates."

Alugate aluminium gates are custom made and they also offer a free bespoke design service. With a 10year warranty, an aluminium gate from Alugate will stand the test of time.

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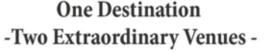
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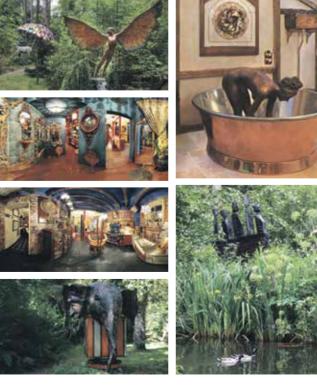
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#### Expert architectural metalwork for high-profile heritage buildings

eander Architectural are expert design manufacturers of bespoke signage, bandstands, railway columns, gazebos, street furniture, wayfinding signs with a heritage restoration consultancy. The niche services offered are an eclectic mix of, blacksmithing, iron restoration, clay sculpting, decorative and structural iron, steel, and nonferrous fabrication, metal casting for commercial trade, heritage and railways and private customers

The Royal Label Factory was established during the reign of Queen Victoria in 1874 and even manufactured labels for the spectacular gardens of Queen Victoria herself. The prominent company progressively became a leading UK street signage manufacturer.

Leander Architectural was founded in 1986 and in 1998, the two businesses joined forces to become a phenomenal UK powerhouse in the world of architectural metalwork, manufacturing bespoke aluminium, steel, bronze and iron products

Situated in the village of Dove Holes, near the Georgian spa town of Buxton in the High Peak District: Leander Architectural offers world-leading commissions from its on-site foundry and workshops

The team at Leander take such artistic pride in their works utilising both modern techniques like waterjet cutting and computerised graphics, combined with more traditional skills such as clay hand-carving, resulting in a truly unique architectural metalwork portfolio. Many customers are repeat customers, trusting the highly skilled professional approach and end results

Recent prestigious projects included designing new cast iron columns to repair a roof structure and replicate original features at an operational railway station: designed and built during the Victorian era as Managing Director, Gareth Roberts explains, "Several of the cast iron columns were cracked and needed replacement, due to ground subsidence. The damaged sections of cast iron columns were removed, then new ones installed, without removing the roof. Our skilled engineers worked with the prime contractor to carry out the design and



manufacture, smoothly and efficiently, allowing the busy commuter station to carry on working without significant disruption.

Leander has an extensive back catalogue of casting patterns and designs for bandstands, structures, columns and many other products, but are always more than happy to offer bespoke services too



Other high-profile projects include the installation of new canopies at the luxury Savill Court Hotel in Windsor, rebuilding the original staircase balustrading in eight stairwells, with modern adaption of the handrails at the Buxton Crescent Luxury Spa Hotel and installing new bespoke decorative metalwork within the new 'Spraque Terrace' between the Sondheim and Gielgud Theatres in London's West-End

With a combined history dating back almost 150 years, this leading architectural metalwork company offers unrivalled expertise across a multitude of modern and heritage building designs.

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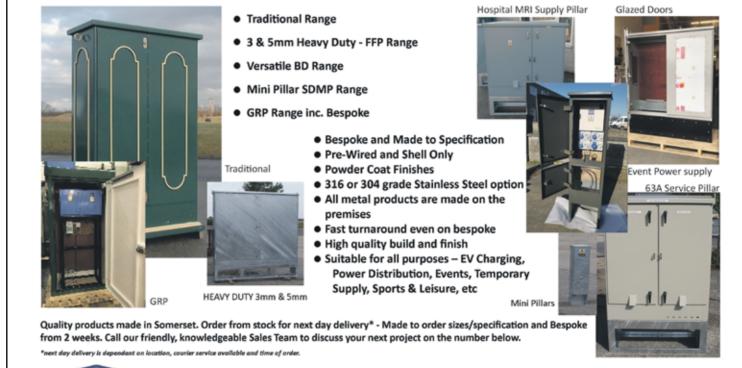
Since gaining their ISO 9001:2015 Quality Accreditation during Lockdown, Fisher & Company have added to its list of overseas customers: exporting to new countries including Cyprus and Hong Kong.

2022 has been the busiest year on record, with several large UK projects.

Interest in Fisher & Company's two main products: Belisha Beacons and Feeder Pillars has increased from new companies. These include: schools, hospitals to commercial developments, all discovering the high-quality service and products meet both their specifications and quick delivery expectations.

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#### **Bright Ideas Development: Consultancy for Housing Developments**

Established in 2017 by Martin Hawthorne and Ray Priest, North-East based Bright Ideas Consultancy & Development has two main strings to its bow. Firstly, the company offers consultancy advice to housing associations, local authorities and developers who are looking to build housing, and secondly, BICD undertakes developments itself and then sells them on





phase is complete and already delighted residents have the keys and are enjoying their new homes.

A further 45 apartments will be ready in May meaning not only will Bright Ideas played its part in helping 61 families but also helped significantly regenerate this part of the historic town of Middlesbrough. All the homes are heated with low carbon air source heating ensuring that Bright Ideas is playing its part helping the environment too.

For more information, please see below: T 07714 412689 www.brightideasdevelopment.co.uk

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#### **Deephole Drilling**

# Leading the way in deep hole drilling

t Industrial Solutions, we take pride in showcasing the very best services provided by companies that provide a wealth of benefits for their industry. As such, in this issue we are proud to announce that we have selected UNISIG as our Deep Hole Drilling Specialists of 2022 and the recipient of our Industry Specialist Award.

Originally founded to provide deep hole drilling machines, accessories and related services to the US market, UNISIG is one of the largest producers of deep hole drilling machines, and applications, to accommodate any specific requirement.

Since its establishment, UNISIG has built up a trusted reputation amongst its broad range of customers. As the leading producer of gun drilling and deep hole drilling machines, customers of UNISIG rely on its deep hole drilling technologies for the powerful, intuitive capabilities they offer.

Serving industries such as aerospace, energy, firearms, hydraulic cylinders, medical, military and defense, molds, oil and gas, and automotive, UNISIG





an industry leader in technology, innovation, support, and service. From small job shops looking to expand their capabilities, to large OEM's that need to drill millions of holes, UNISIG has the capabilities and the strong understanding of the deep hole drilling process, drilling tools and their has a strong presence all over the world with installations in the Americas, Europe and Asia.

By offering a complete deep hole drilling solution that includes machines, tools and automation, customers will receive the upmost, highest quality service from engineers that hold extensive experience and expertise on deep hole drilling machines. Throughout the years, UNISIG's impressive drilling capabilities have propelled the company to the forefront of the industry offering a service that goes completely unrivalled amongst competitors. Setting the standards of the industry high when it comes its technological advancements,



UNISIG doesn't just manufacturer deep hole drilling machines, it can also develop machines for other deep hole processes such as BTA, gun drilling, counterboring/ reaming, pull boring, trepanning, skiving and roller burnishing, bottle boring, bottom forming and many more.

Pushing the limits of BTA drilling, with on and off-centre capabilities that offer intuitive operation, UNISIG manufactures high power BTA drilling machines and trepanning that enable BTA drilling of 25mm to 500mm up to 20m deep.

The B-Series machines handle an impressive range of on-centre BTA drilling and are the ideal solution for a majority of BTA range diameter deep hole drilling applications. This series uses BTA and related tools to produce centreline holes on parts up to 20m deep and are supported with training from UNISIG throughout the process.

The larger swing B-Series machines have virtually limitless capabilities, giving manufacturers the most in power and dimension requirements. As part of the deep hole drilling system, this range combines rigid deep hole drilling with durable components and powerful drives with smart controls, allowing manufacturers to get the most out of their deep hole drilling investment.

It is evident that UNISIG is at the top of its game, manufacturing some of the highest-quality machines in the deep hole drilling industry. With its team of dedicated experts all pulling together, the company is really showing how anything is possible when you work together to solve problems, not create them.

Please visit us at EMO 2023, Hannover from 18th-23rd September.

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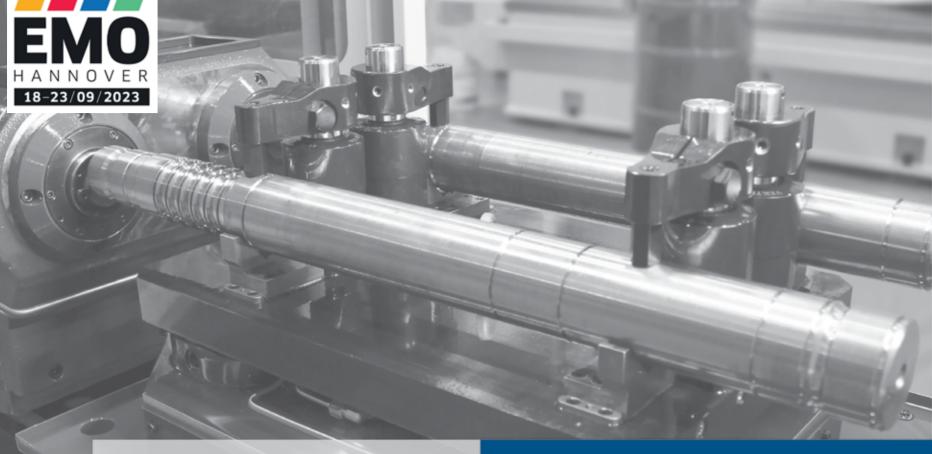


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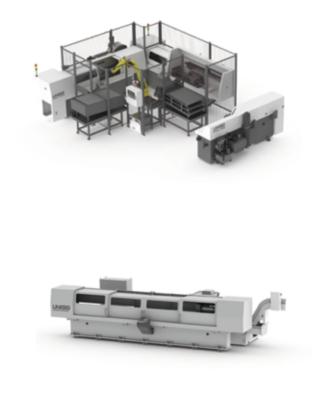


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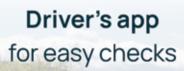


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#### Safety Consultants

# Make your project possible

**D**<sup>CON</sup> Safety Consultants Limited offers leading health and safety consultancy and construction statute advice services. The company prioritises and specialises in the highest levels of informed and intelligent advice, senior project resource allocation and compliance assurance. Informed by industry expertise, DCON Safety Consultants Limited knows that every project has potential risks, no matter what its potential benefits, so its team of highly experienced construction professionals helps to ensure clients' statutory conformity.

Upon gaining understanding of the specific needs, goals

and desires of each client and their project, DCON Safety Consultants Limited is dedicated to implementing a design and construction management plan that will meet or exceed these requirements. And, DCON Safety Consultants Limited ensures that there is honesty, integrity, trust and professionalism underpinning every project. Moreover, the company's services are centred on three delivery principles:

- Maximising Quality: The company implements proven health, safety and wellbeing strategies to help
- clients achieve high quality and cost-effective work commensurate with the design of their projects
- Minimising Risk: The company effectively manages design and delivery risk on projects to match each client's desired risk level profile.
- Managing Compliance: The company relies on its extensive background working on a wide variety of projects to assist clients in developing, monitoring and maintaining compliance performance

This excellent service would not be possible without the leadership of Diarmuid Condon, a construction industry leader who brings unique perspectives to encourage, support and mentor the abilities of his colleagues. As a

construction professional with a surveying background and experience spanning two decades, Diarmuid is emblematic of DCON Safety Consultants Limited's commitment to providing outstanding services to clients.

Diarmuid has contributed his invaluable expertise to over 400 projects over 20 years, with a client list including public sector departments, corporate owners, real estate developers, main contractors, design professionals and infrastructural bodies. With this incredible portfolio, Diarmuid is helping DCON Safety Consultants Limited to become a leader in health and safety consultancy across the construction industry.

Key to DCON Safety Consultants Limited's services is working as a Project Supervisor for the Design Process and CDM Advisor in various sectors across the Irish construction market. No project is too simple or too complex for the company's construction safety consultants, all of whom are construction professionals with an average of 20 years' experience in the built environment. The ability to maximise this knowledge and skillset means DCON Safety Consultants Limited can generate distinctive and innovative ideas from traditional PSDP service inputs and outputs.

Additionally, DCON Safety Consultants Limited offers planning compliance assurance services. The ability to strategically support a positive planning decision is exclusive to the company. Its Draft Construction Management Plans (DCMP) inform the overall planning, coordination and control of a project from the beginning of construction to completion. The DCMP also safeguards the obligation placed upon a client to produce a safe, functional and financially viable project

DCON Safety Consultants Limited also provides its main contractor clients with intelligent, practical, and reasonable physical site safety advice to support compliance and good practice adherence. Behavioural safety outcomes inform how the company approaches each solution with the contractor and their supply chain, identifying opportunities for improvement. To complement this, DCON Safety Consultants Limited can also help with clients' health and safety strategy. Its holistic and integrated approach can help unlock substantial benefits for clients by providing a structured, objective and SMART framework for full optimisation through the creation of an environment that embraces health, safety and wellbeing.

This means DCON Safety Consultants Limited helps clients to improve their health, safety and environmental performance; enhance staff satisfaction thanks to improved performance; improve risk management and corporate governance with a clear audit trail; gain confidence from long-term planning, better sustainability and performance; and improve overall corporate reputation, including greater staff satisfaction and a more efficient procurement and supply chain.

Finally, DCON Safety Consultants Limited can offer a safety expert witness service, which is headed by Diarmuid himself. He has extensively supported safety related matters, and is a certified and competent safety professional who will work with clients to identify exactly what kind of safety expert is needed. Then, he will use an extensive network of contacts to recruit the right person to protect clients' interests.

DCON Safety Consultants Limited's fantastic service offering and proven track record of offering leading health and safety consultancy services makes the company a worthy winner of our Commitment to Excellence award. Such achievements are proof that DCON Safety Consultants Limited is well-placed to help ensure your safety, health and wellbeing and make your project possible.

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#### Timber

### Vandecasteele Houtimport are one of the leading European timber importers and have ambitious aims to trade only in certified timber by 2025

The Belgian fifth-generation family company, founded in 1883, Vandecasteele Houtimport specialises in the import, trading and export of tropical hardwood from Africa, Southeast Asia and South America, Scandinavian and North-American softwood, North American and European hardwood.

Sustainability and reliability are an essential part of Vandecasteele Houtimport's DNA. With over 140 years of experience, the company is determined to achieve the goal of trading only certified timber by 2025. The challenge lies with the hardwood and especially the tropical hardwoods. Today they are at 80% certified and have a clear vision: only certified timber has a future.

A long-term goal that can only be achieved by including all partners. Substantial investments have been made over the years to be able to realise this future goal. You cannot achieve this goal overnight. This is a long-term job in which all partners must be included. If we want to assure our customers that we keep our promise to only trade timber that comes from well-managed, certified forests, we need to be sure that all our trading partners share the same strictest certification and sustainability processes as we do.

Vandecasteele Houtimport has a unique business model. Importing timber from all over the world, keeping in stock for several years, in some cases, even decades. Stock is our strength and our specialty. In times where supply is difficult or tight, we can count on our invested stocks to guarantee continued supply.

In order to achieve our goal we have taken several actions within the company. First, we were assisted by external experts to get the procedures and protocols in place. Secondly, the team at Vandecasteele was reinforced with two forest engineers in Brazil. That way we can keep a finger on the pulse of every shipment and we are able to accurately apply the ever-changing legislation in Brazil with great precision. This sends an important signal to our suppliers. They know that doing business with Vandecasteele Houtimport means complying with a procedure that is continuously refined and adapted. All timber transport requires our approval. When in doubt the timber is not accepted.

#### Masters in diversification

Vandecasteele has a long-term commitment to preserving the forests. The family business imports more than 130 different species of timber coming from 40 countries and has over 120,000 cubic meters in stock, mainly certified hard and softwoods. We support the LKTS program of FSC® Denmark with which we want to help promote the use of lesser known species. We keep these lesserknown species in stock and offer them as alternatives. Timber is too often prescribed from a specific well-known species. From the point of view of responsible forest management, we must dare to choose the right durability class for an application instead of a specific timber species.

#### Rethink everything: a positive evolution in

**consumer purchasing behaviour** Customers are increasingly asking questions about certification and the origin of the timber. Buyers are becoming more and more aware of the need to use certified timber. Importing tropical wood goes further than just asking for timber. There is a continuous evolution, because of new insights and new legislation.

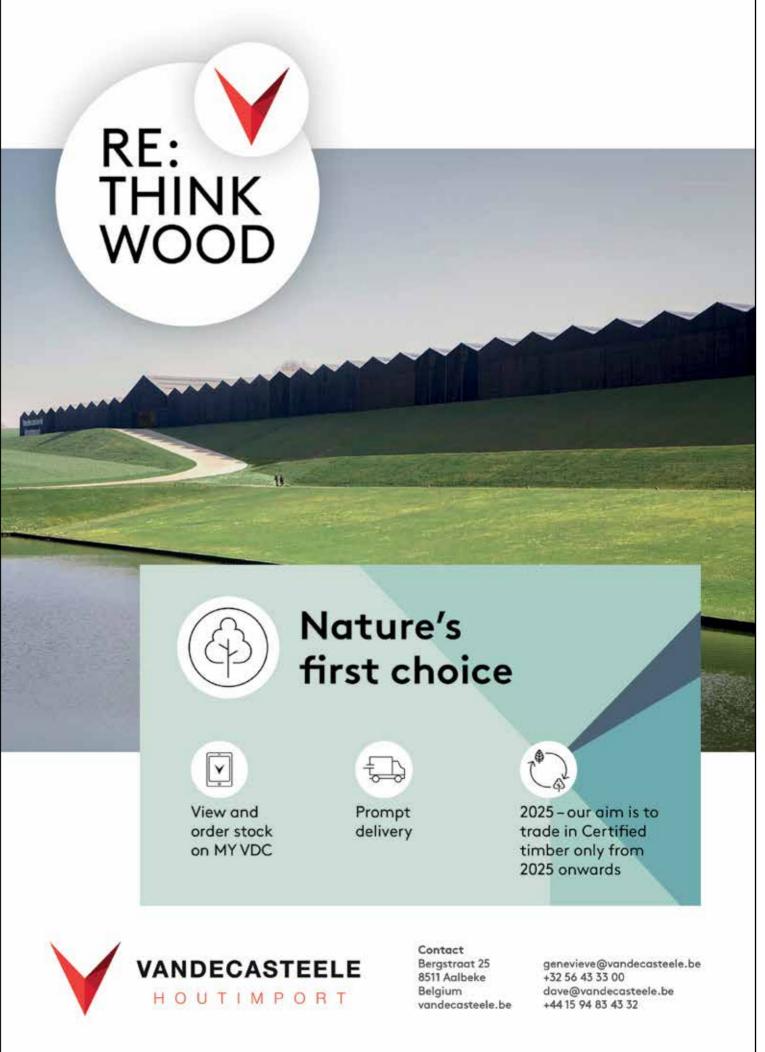
We work together with external experts, we are broadening our internal knowledge and we continually make progress. Making progress is an ongoing process. Considerable steps have already been taken with the EU Timber Regulation but we can and should do better. We want to see and monitor a stronger application and support for certified timber. Vandecasteele communicates continuously with the users via its website and campaigns in order to spread that message. This is necessary because the purchase of FSC® certified wood contributes to 14 of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The purchase of FSC®



Since the year 2000, Vandecasteele Houtimport has committed itself through the Corporate Durability Charter by signing up to environmental objectives exceeding the applicable legislation. In 2018, the charter started a partnership with CIFAL Flanders, the local HUB of UNITAR, the Training and Education Centre of the UN. In 2020, Vandecasteele Houtimport was the first timber company in the world to obtain the international recognised 'SDG Pioneer certificate' from UNITAR CIFAL. In 2022, we were the first timber company in the world to

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#### Custom Made Joinery

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oinery experts, Bluerun Ltd, was originally established by the current Managing Director, John Jones, and Peter Clayden back in 1991. Peter Clayden resigned a few years later and the company is now owned by John's family – his wife Doreen, son Jeremy, and daughter Dee Newman, and Dee took over the reins in December 2019, when John semi-retired.

Based in Wimbish, near Saffron Walden in Essex, Bluerun manufactures quality, bespoke joinery items, and everything is made to order, nothing is 'off the shelf.' Dee commented, "We manufacture items for the commercial market from door and window packers



to shopfronts, reception desks, mainframes, pub doors, and years ago we even made a trebuchet for Stansted Mountfitchet castle!'

In the 7,000 sq. ft. factory, Bluerun can produce work using both hard or softwoods, and veneered and painted panels. It has a modern spray paint and lacquer facility, enabling products to leave the factory in a fully finished state

For domestic clients, Bluerun manufactures everything from windowboards to windows, thresholds to doors, shelving, wardrobes, bi-fold doors. French doors

staircases, indeed most things in a property that are made of timber. It has even made a child's Wendy house and a mansion for cats!

Bluerun will take on projects of almost any size, Dee continued, "The only size limit is whether a finished item can be removed through our workshop doors! Staircases for example, would be made in a kit format, for ease of delivery and installation. We use couriers for deliveries, and they have access to all sizes of vans and lorries." The only thing that is sometimes out of range are installations due to a small workforce, but Dee keeps a list of recommended installers for anything, which is manufactured.

In a crowded marketplace, Bluerun works very hard to be at the forefront of the industry. It is a supplier to Dovista for items such as packers and mainframes, and the company corporate branding is on its vans, emails, and social media presence, along with promotional items, and this has helped recognition and growth of the company in recent

years.

Dee remarked,



"We are still working old school, and everything is designed using pencil and paper with a dash of imagination. We don't use CAD or CNC, and most

items are completed using hand tools for the finishing touches. A lot of love and care is included within our work, and this has really helped our customer base to grow.

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#### Landscaping

#### High quality, high capacity mowing systems

n this issue of Building Update, we are pleased to announce that we have selected L S Products BV as the recipient of our Commitment to Excellence Award for its dedication and innovative design of the best mowing systems for the maintenance of large area turfgrass.

As a response to the increasing market demand for an upgrade to the 15-year-old electrically driven rotary mowers, the company started working on a newer, more improved version. Combining his years of experience and expertise, Syb Leijenaar – LS Products BV owner and Eco Clipper® inventor developed a new line of electric mowers that graced the market in 2018, and this was when the Eco Clipper® was born.

Built from experience, the Eco Clipper® Mowing System has evolved from the mowing system that was originally developed in the nineties on the turfgrass farm of the Leijenaar family in the Netherlands. Since the first electric mower product launch in 2002 to the latest Eco Clipper® range, L S Products BV has developed an extensive portfolio of machinery and equipment that has grown rapidly and been revolutionary to the turfgrass industry.

"Eco Clipper<sup>®</sup> is a range of large area mowers with a high productivity that help field managers to minimise their mowing costs, while producing a professional cut. Our mowers are electrically driven and use a special mowing deck design with small mowing blades. The mowing decks have good contour following capabilities and disperse clippings well, even in wet grass. This means we have a few important advantages over other mowers. These include delivering the highest mowing speed possible thus producing a higher productivity, they are quieter and more fuel efficient because of the small blades and electric drive, and they are more versatile to schedule because they can deal with wet grass and any other adverse weather conditions," said Syb.



The Eco Clipper<sup>®</sup> Mowing System offers many advantages over traditional cylinder and rotary mowers. Because it consists of an independently suspended 106cm wide deck section, it is cleverly linked together in larger, flexible contour following mowing decks. The entire design and development of the Eco Clipper<sup>®</sup> Mowing System delivers a clean cut, even clippings dispersion and excellent following of the ground contours with minimal soil compaction.

The system also caters for bespoke requirements so customers can attach the decks to different frames, whether it be Carried or Towed. Offering three options, the Front Mower consists of a single deck with 2-6 sections, a Towed Mower consists of three separate decks of 10-14 sections wide, and a Carried Rear Mower is combined with a Front Mower and consists of 10-14 sections wide.

We asked Syb if he were to describe the company in three words what would he choose and why, and he answered, "Innovative, we believe that it is always possible to improve. Secondly, our serving. What we offer our customers is ultimately a solution to the problems they are facing. Our products are designed to help our customers to do their job better. And thirdly, we are agile. Every member of our team has the ability to act fast and adapt to the ever-changing



industry. We are also quick to react to any problems our customers may be facing and work hard to do what needs to be done to help them."

One particular product to note is the Eco Clipper FM4 Sport for sporting grounds.

Similar to the entire Eco Clipper® Mowing Range, the goal with the Eco Clipper FM4 Sport was to maintain the cutting performance of a properly tuned cylinder mower, but without the high maintenance required for mowing conditions such as wet grass and weeds.

The smooth cutting decks with fast rotating small blades ensure a high quality of cut and a good distribution of the clippings. The clippings are also well spread in wet grass, which makes it possible to schedule the mower almost independently to all weather conditions.

Due to the electrically driven blades, the mower is very economical and quiet. The large wheels and clever deck linking system ensure good contour following and enable high mowing speeds.

Municipalities, sports field and park managers have taken delight in the advantages that the Eco Clipper FM4 Sport brings. The EC-FM4 Sport is a 4.11m wide mower that has four independent cutting decks. The forward position provides excellent visibility and comfort for the tractor operator.

Previous users have reported high productivity gains, a factor two compared to 5-gang self-propelled cylinder mowers, and showed a large appreciation to the low maintenance and the mowers ability to schedule the mowing even under less favourable mowing conditions such as early morning dew and wet autumns.

"We started our focus on increasing mowing productivity in turfgrass production. With a few adjustments, this mowing system has proven to be a major step forward in reducing mowing costs on sports fields and large recreational grass areas. Some users have cut their mowing costs by more than half since using it!" stated Syb.

Going forward, L S Products BV is looking to continue its successful start in the sports field market in the Netherlands and is keen to now debut this line of products here in the UK to British sports field managers so they can also enjoy the benefits of the Eco Clipper® Mowing System.

With the development of a robotic mower for turfgrass production in the pipeline, L S Products BV has a busy yet exciting few years ahead. In closing, we asked Syb what a commitment to excellence means to the company, "We feel we achieve excellence because we are completely committed to offering the best mowing system for maintaining large area turfgrass which is of course, achieved by our Eco Clipper<sup>®</sup> Mowing System."

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#### Hand Protection

# Manosun set to launch eco-friendly glove range

**S**ince the company was established in 2020, its mission has been to bring change to the end-user experience in selecting and buying industrial gloves, gauntlets and sleeves (PPE). As the designer and manufacturer of such an innovative range of quality industrial hand protection that is available for all industrial applications, Manosun is breaking the mould of traditional offerings with a core

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"Manosun is a provider of Industrial Hand Protection (Gloves), and we work with all end-users including globally known brands such as Nissan, JDR Cables, and SUEZ. As part of our service, we also survey the work

environment, advise on the correct level of hand protection needed or if needed, we can even develop a brandnew product to the exact requirements of the customer. Manosun have the ability to work on small MOQ's from our sponsor factory in China and the ability to develop new products for an ever-changing work environment offering products where 'not all solutions are off the shelf.'



From ARC, Impact, FR. CUT and General handling applications, our products are the ideal solution for the building industry," stated Steven Patterson, Owner,

Of course, it's not just its versatile application that makes Manosun's products stand out. Their lona-lastina durability is down to the high-quality materials that are used for all its products. Every product offers extra flexibility and dexterity that ensures minimal hand fatigue, and because of its 360° breathe technology, all products have the ability to keep hands cool while working.

Soon to launch in 2023 is the Manosun Basic Range. The range is a fantastic response to the current climate delivering a highly sustainable and eco-friendly profile as all products are made of a more sustainable yarn using recycled materials such as industrial polyester, where 36% of the ingredient derives from plastic bottles. Steven commented, "This economic yet high-quality range of Eco products are targeted towards high volume users like the construction industry and smaller white van industry and tradesmen. The range will include several lightweight general handling styles with alternative Grip Palms, a heavyweight latex grip palm glove, and two mid-range cut gloves aimed to target almost all aspects of trades undertaken with construction First-Fix to Finish.

Quality, Low Cost, Sustainable Material' is what Manosun is known for across all its products. Product samples of its Basic Range were sent to a range of customers within the building industry and feedback has

'Good



been nothing but positive. "Production samples were received in November 2022 with sales stock arriving at the end of January 2023. The feedback we have already received has been "'GREAT!' and we look forward to some healthy growth with the Basic Range this year," added Steven

Of course, competitors within the building industry do offer similar products but we asked Steven what makes the Basic Range unique, he answered, "My competitors do offer a similar range, however, because I work directly with the factory and they sponsor my business we have agreed to offer a premium, high performance product that is one of the lowest priced available on the market. The Basic Range offers Comfort, Longevity, and Value for Money and Aesthetics which I believe will dominate the current low-price competition.

So far, Manosun's products have been revolutionary across England and with the Basic Range, the hope is that it will increase Manosun's overall brand awareness to further places across the UK. "This has been a personal goal of mine for some time, seeing the glove would make the story have meaning. It goes against all of my manufacturer's current business but they have supported me and this product range and the visuals of it. We have only just passed the two-year stage so are still very fresh. My experience spans for more than 16 years in hand protection and my drive is to simplify the development of more new products (product development at the factory). Traditionally this takes months and can be very expensive but the relationship and support from my factory partner allows Manosun to develop new products much quicker without an unachievable MOQ (minimum order quantity)," said Steven.

Another way to expand its brand presence is by taking part in tradé shows. Currently Manosun is committed to the BSiF/HSM Publications Safety Expo in Scotland on the 16th November 2023, as well as some other local popup exhibitions supporting its two new member groups: The North East Automotive Alliance and the Advanced Manufacturing Forum.

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#### Industrial Technology & Thermal Products The new alternatives in power conversion



Power conversion is familiar in most consumer and industrial technologies, which typically use AC adapters to convert to DC and supply the required voltage. However, while the method of conversion allows a heater to operate at a given set temperature, it receives the full voltage when turned on, which can cause damage over time in some cases. Other solutions, such as phase-angle controllers and DC power supplies also have their own setbacks, making power conversion a tough task. In this article, Stan Breitlow, chief system designer at industrial temperature controller manufacturer Watlow, discusses the new alternative in power conversion.

#### The necessity of power conversion

The goal with a heater is not to attain a given DC current, but to maintain a given temperature, which is done using a switching device that turns the power on and off rapidly. Usually, this kind of switching or cycling is not an issue. But in some cases when heaters are small, have ceramic components, or where control of multiple heaters is needed, it is not ideal to have the device on with full voltage, let alone have it switching between states. For example, this can happen when precise heating is needed in medical devices, or rapid heating is needed to test microchips in the semiconductor industry.

The issue becomes worse when constructing devices for an international market. Heaters often have very specific voltage requirements, but the power sources can vary from country to country. In today's global economy, there is a great need to normalise this power for use with heaters built for the voltage requirements of any country. In short, power conversion is an old idea, but current technologies in the market are not well suited for some applications.

The problem with power conversion Power conversion is essential for any heater, whether in an in-home medical device or a large-scale industrial process. But as heaters become smaller and more intricate, more attention must be paid to their power supply. It's important to be mindful that there are four types of cases where inadequate power conversion can lead to problems.

Firstly, fragile heaters become easily damaged. Switching a higher-voltage power source on and off creates wear and tear on devices. As this happens, smaller, more fragile heaters are more likely to fail over time.

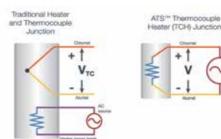
Popular ceramic heaters are often made with molybdenum, which expands and contracts at the same rate as the ceramic. But molybdenum changes resistance with temperature, which means hitting a ceramic-molybdenum heater with a high voltage when it is cold can cause the device to crack or burst – which can become an expensive problem for manufacturers.

#### New power conversion technology

Power conversion is commonly achieved through phase-angle controllers, transformers and power supplies. But as we have seen, these solutions can either damage heaters, or take up large amounts of space or make it incredibly hard to measure and control the power flow. Watlow's power conversion technology solves these issues by providing the ability to bring voltage up or down smoothly without having to introduce a bulky power supply. Watlow temperature controllers, such as POWERGLIDE®, are capable of modulating the amplitude of the output voltage, allowing the voltage to step down from 208 volts to as low as 20 volts.

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Arboflex PU specified for 4,000m<sup>2</sup> Galliard Homes Project



Arboflex PU, the wet-on-wet liquid applied waterproofing membrane from Carlisle Construction Materials, has been specified for the roofs and podium deck of Neptune Wharf: a development of six, high specification residential buildings by Galliard Homes in East London.

T & T roofing will install the Arboflex PU, along with tapered, fire-retardant mineral wool insulation, which will also be supplied by Carlisle. All roof areas, apart from the podium, will be green roofs, and the Arboflex PU 20-year system will be installed to provide excellent root resistance, along with ease and speed of installation and effective waterproofing.

T & T Roofing will install the tapered insulation, before applying the Arboflex PU liquid. After rollering the liquid onto the roof, T & T's installers will lay the system's glass fibre matt onto the wet membrane. Once the liquid has been drawn through with the roller and an additional application has been completed, the matt is entirely absorbed, providing a seamless roof surface.

The first phase of the Neptune Wharf roofing project was complete in February 2023, with the complete development due to handover later in the year.

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across Asia, who saw opportunities for sensible designs of reliable, safe and flexible wall beds, which could feature comfortable mattresses. With the latest designs and accessories (such as with the Alpha bed and Studio desk pairing) small or odd shapes rooms are transformed into multi-use spaces with cleverly concealed sleeping areas.

Taking inspiration from the original models, which originated in the USA in the early 20th century, the company has been manufacturing in-house spring balance systems over a 20-year period, allowing for precise tension adjustments and easy lifting, so there is no compromise on comfort or convenience. All are easy to install and fit full height mattresses up to 300mm, meaning there is no compromise on an excellent night's sleep. The full wall bed design includes the bed counterbalance mechanism (SBLM), bed frame rails, mountings, pivot system, springs and fasteners. The powdercoated parts are ergonomic and durable, offering assured longevity. Even more remarkable is the 'finger-tip' control mechanism with minimal effort to open and close each bed.

The Alpha bed system is the most popular product globally, available in standard and special sizes, vertical and horizontal mounting, with a choice of leg options and even a desk. The lightweight design comes with robust steel bed frames, with strengthened steel stiffeners for a strong platform. Alpha bed frames are available in single, double, queen or king sizes and come with the adjustable SBLM, allowing perfect balance and easy, safe 'finger-tip' operation every time.



Latest designs include the NeXT bed which gives an immediate, ready to use solution with or without cabinet, and which still delivers comfort levels indistinguishable from a conventional bed. All products are stocked at multiple locations globally with advice provided around options and sizes.

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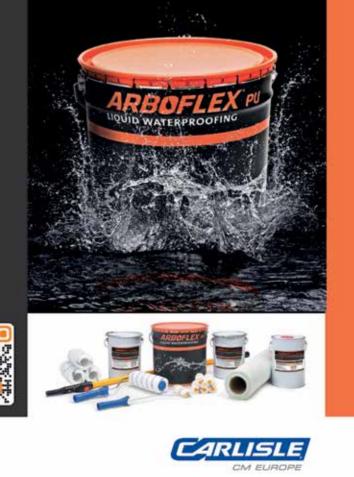
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Le Tonkinois Varnish has gained world recognition for its results and is regarded as one of the world's best varnishes for indoor, outdoor and marine use.

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#### **Eco-Friendly Plastic Products**

# Environmentally friendly plastic lumber

At Building Update, we are proud to announce that we have selected Kedel as the recipient of our Commitment to Excellence Award for its ongoing efforts in producing eco-friendly plastic products for a more sustainable future.

Kedel is a family business founded on ethical and ecologically sound principles. Dedicated to making sustainable living attractive, Kedel believe that by incorporating sustainable recycled plastic products into personal and working environments, it can create a happier, healthier and infinitely more sustainable future for generations to come.

Established by three brothers, Kieran, Dermot and Lewis Walch, Kedel is based in Burnley and supplies nationwide. We spoke to Dermot who explained what commitment to excellence means to them and how they feel they achieve it. "Commitment to excellence is an attitude towards work. You're only as good as your weakest link, so we try to give our staff an autonomous responsibility around servicing our customers and through this we are achieving service excellence.





Because of this, people can make quicker decisions and our customers end up 100% satisfied much quicker. Eco-Friendly Plastic is what we do. Not many people believe plastic can be green but it can. We manufacture plastic wood made from waste polystyrene, and are also suppliers of many other types of recycled plastic profiles from other manufacturers, which allows our customers to keep their carbon footprint down. We maintain excellence throughout our business through our sustainable products, sustainable supply chain and sustainable manufacturing policy."

Winners of the Feefo Trusted Service Award, Kedel's range of recycled plastic lumber reflects the future of the construction industry. From plastic fencing pales and edging board pegs to round posts, boards and



planks, tongue & groove planks, decking, and so much more, Kedel's extensive product range comes with a number of benefits. Of course, the largest advantage of plastic lumber in general is that it does not rot, absorb water and is highly resistant to damage. This much more versatile material means it has a life longevity to be placed in all weathers and climates making it a perfect material for use in construction, leisure, education, gardens and any water applications.

Some could claim that plastic wood is bad for the environment, however, Kedel would argue that yes, initially the cost of plastic wood may be higher but the outcome is that you have a product that will last a lifetime due to its extended longevity and zero maintenance properties. To add to this, Kedel only uses recycled plastic that would otherwise go to landfill, therefore, its contribution towards a circular economy is something to be highly commended.

Moving forward, Dermot explained what the future holds for the company. "We are about to increase the working hours of our extrusion plant to be operating 24 hours



a day 5 days a week which will double our production time, and to support this we are recruiting more extruder operators. In the future, we plan to build a te current cost o

network of resellers around the UK, as the current cost of transport is at an all-time high so we are looking at ways around this for better business practice and to allow for an eco-friendlier way of working."

In closing, we asked Dermot how he felt receiving our award, he responded, "We are thrilled. It shows we are doing all the right things and going in the right direction and we will endeavour to live up to it."

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The team of skilled engineers offer a flexible service that works around the clients' needs, using state-of-the-art technology, alongside many years of experience in the industry, to provide reliable water testing and analysis and consultancy services.



CWE's ethos and ability to provide a friendly, personal and flexible approach to suit its customers' needs make it stand out from the competition. Over the years, the company has gained engineering and management knowledge from its experienced and professional workforce, thrusting the company's reputation to the forefront of the industry. Currently providing regular water sampling at over 500 sites in the UK and internationally, CWE has an extensive range of services that are tried, tested and trusted by its clients, including large housing associations, care homes, schools, leisure centres, swimming pools and facilities management companies, as well as residential landlords and small businesses.

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and residential services, including working in partnership with other companies within the water supply industry. Whatever service is required, a solution will be found to meet the client's requirements.

CWE understands the importance of having a risk assessment in place for all business sectors, in order to ensure customers maintain their legal duty regarding legionella compliance. This is provided by tailored legionella risk assessments on a wide variety of different water systems by proficient and competent surveyors. Due to an increase in demand for legionella testing for residential supplies, CWE has developed a specific 'simple' risk assessment, as per ACoP L8 and HSG274 guidance, aimed at landlords of residential and small commercial properties. The risk assessment ensures water systems are compliant with the latest guidelines. The risk assessment is completed on-site, and if any issues are present, water samples are then taken to determine if legionella and other bacteria are present. CWE can then offer recommendations on the next best-course of action to take if necessary. CWE has remained largely unaffected by the Coronavirus pandemic, as ensuring water quality has remained a mandatory legal requirement. The company has continued operating throughout the pandemic and is now looking to broaden its presence within the UK, operating in more locations, and have a greater nationwide coverage.

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The Challenge

At Okura Kogyo, the staff would manually load and unload workpieces (rollers) from the processors to trolley. The manual process needs to be done carefully to avoid damaging the workpiece. Like other manufacturers globally, the company is also facing labor shortages.

The Solution

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Collaborative application is a clear choice for Okura Kogyo

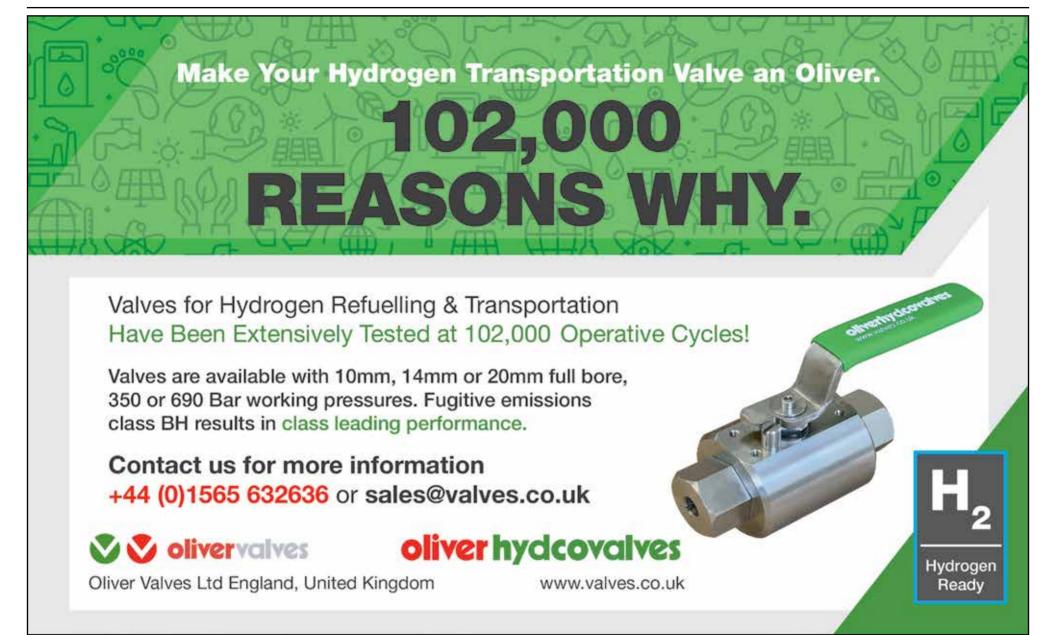
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# Midlands firm invents a world first in sustainable resin flooring

Leicestershire-based Abacus Flooring Solutions has made history by inventing a way to use waste plastic, that would otherwise go to landfill, in industrial resin flooring.

The ground-breaking invention, named Abaplas, is set to transform the flooring industry as well as providing an eco-friendly method for replacing harmful bulking materials in other products such as tile adhesives.

Nick Megson, managing director of Abacus Flooring and the brains behind the pioneering Abaplas system, has already proven his idea after carrying out a painstaking series of tests over several years.

Having arrived at the perfect formula, which performs even better than traditional resin flooring, his world-beating patent for Abaplas has now been approved.

Resin flooring, along with many other industrial products, has traditionally been manufactured using silica sand, which is a dangerous and potentially carcinogenic substance when inhaled.

Abaplas instead contains non-harmful recycled plastic, which is ground down to a white powder. The process will vastly reduce the volume of waste plastic ending up in landfill or the world's oceans.

Nick said, "We carried out so many tests that it seemed as if it would never happen. We conducted tests using numerous grades and types of plastic before we finally achieved the fantastic result, we have today.

"On our first ever project using this product, the installation guys said it was the best self-smoothing resin system they had used."

"Further research uncovered many other uses for our 100% recycled plastic, in things like our primer coats, scratch coats, self-smoothing screeds, repair compounds – and even things like tile adhesives."

"It could turn the plastics recycling industry completely on its head and really make major strides in helping to save the planet."

The world's first resin flooring using 100% recycled plastic was installed by Abacus in the enormous VIP Visitor Centre auditorium at JCB's global headquarters in Staffordshire, UK.

The company has since gone on to install Abaplas flooring in warehouses, medical facilities and football stadiums throughout the UK.

Nick has established a new firm, Abaplas Recycling Limited, to handle all the plastic recycling for Abacus as well as beginning the sales of treated plastic for use by other product manufacturers.

Abaplas has already led to Abacus winning a number of awards, including a Green World Award – a global environmental campaign that rewards the world's greenest countries, communities and companies.



With more than three decades of experience working with resin flooring, Nick has been the industry's ambassador for sustainability and recycling since 2005.

Abacus is also a member of the Resin Flooring

Association (FeFRA), of which Nick sits on the board of directors to help maintain industry standards.

He founded Abacus Flooring Solutions with his wife Amanda during lockdown three years ago. The company now turns over more than £1 million per year and manages an ever-expanding order book at its manufacturing headquarters in Coalville, Leicestershire.

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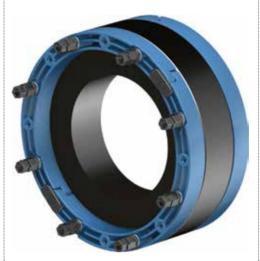
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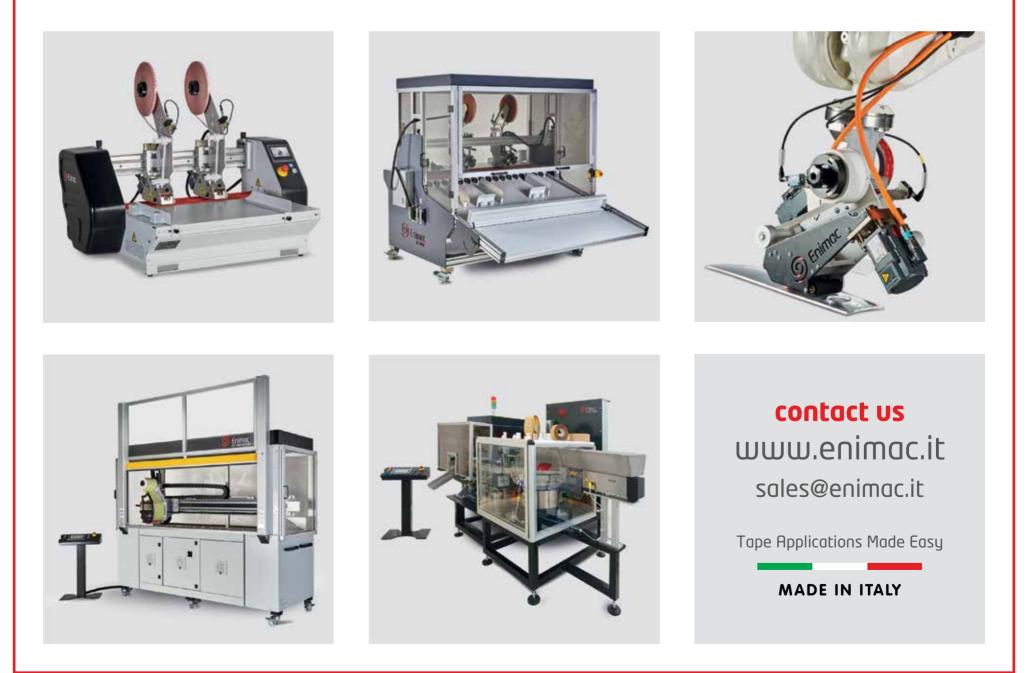




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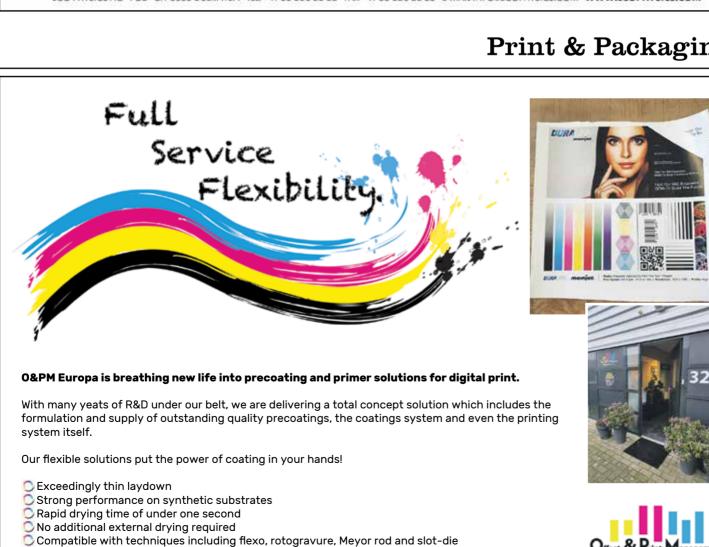


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