

Press Release

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Award Winning ATB Morley Are Officially Presented With Queens Award By HRH the Duke of Kent.

Local Firm ATB Morley receive Royal visit and are officially presented with the Queens Awards for Enterprise: International Trade 2009 by HRH The Duke of Kent.

ATB Morley is an award winning, Yorkshire based designer, manufacturer and exporter of high voltage electric motors for the global coal mining markets. Established in 1897, the company won the Queens Award for Enterprise: International Trade 2009 for their impressive trade relationships with China.

HRH the Duke of Kent visited the ATB Morley facilities in Pudsey on Tuesday 8th December to officially present the Queens Award and to tour the motor manufacturing processes. He was the second Royal to have visited the 200 strong workforce after HRH The Duke of York visited last December.

HRH who is an honorary fellow of the Institute of Electrical Engineers received a tour of the ATB Morley factory by Managing Director Ian Lomax, where he was introduced to some of ATB Morley's young apprentices, proving there are great local opportunities available in the electrical engineering and manufacture sector.

To strengthen and support their local communities ATB Morley took the occasion to officially announce the launch of an education Initiative with Bradford University's School of Engineering. The scheme aims to raise awareness of the ATB Morley factory and its opportunities, alongside aiming to continue to support young, engineers in the Yorkshire region.

Ruth Bailey, Chief Executive of ABMEK who works alongside Ian Lomax, Vice President of ABMEK said:

"It is a pleasure to have been invited to this event, working for ABMEK we have seen many companies workload be reduced to a three day week with staff being made redundant on a daily basis. ATB Morley have gone from strength to strength and it is fantastic to see a company continuing to grow in a difficult climate. I am proud to come show my support."

Dr Haile Selassie Rajamani of Bradford University was delighted to form a relationship with ATB Morley who have continued to grow as a company despite the recent economic climate. He said;

"Numerous students often ask before they sign up to our courses whether there are even still companies in the UK that offer electrical engineering opportunities where they could gain work experience. Now Bradford University are delighted to tell them that yes, those opportunities are available and most importantly they are local."

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ATB Morley is wholly owned by the Austrian ATB Antriebstechnik which itself is owned by ATEC Industries, headquartered in Vienna and listed on the Vienna stock exchange. ATB Laurence Scott in

Norwich, a manufacturer of high spec motors for the oil, gas and nuclear market is also part of the group.

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EDITORS NOTES

Manufacturing has been, and continues to be, critical to the success of the UK economy. Britain's strength as a prosperous trading nation over the past three centuries was built on manufacturing. Looking forward, a thriving modern manufacturing sector is central to the future success of the British economy.

The following provides a snapshot of the continued importance of UK manufacturing:

- The UK is the world's sixth largest manufacturer measured by output
- £150 billion per annum to the economy
- Half of UK exports
- 50% productivity growth since 1997
- 75% of business R&D
- Consistently in top rankings of high tech exports
- More foreign direct investment than any country apart from the USA

The UK outperforms every country in Europe in terms of attracting inward foreign direct investment to manufacturing, and is second globally only to the USA. From April 2008 until March 2009, foreign direct investment in the UK increased.

Changes in the global economy present tremendous opportunities from new and growing markets. British manufacturing is well placed to succeed in the 21st century economy, with global connections providing ready access to global markets, a flexible labour force and light touch regulatory environment enabling quicker, and more informed responses to changing demand.

The changing role of UK manufacturers in global value chains indicates where the UK economy is developing new comparative advantages, and how this is affecting national economic performance.