

Advanced products facility takes shape

KMF (Precision Sheet Metal)'s new Advanced Products manufacturing facility is a hive of activity ahead of its February 2011 opening. The most recent arrivals are two Amada HFP 50-20 press brakes that were installed on the 10 December.

"The new Advanced Products facility is generating a lot of excitement both internally and externally. The delivery of new equipment, such as the two pressbrakes, is an indication of the level of commitment that is in place to ensure that we are ready to go live in February 2011," says Keith Nicholl, KMF's business improvement manager.

The two high specification Amada machines will form part of the sheet metal processing cells within the facility and feature seven CNC axes, Infra-red angle correction system, off line programming with 3D visualisation software and 1 stroke tooling capability for reduced set-up. These particular machines were specified to better serve the requirements of KMF's existing, and potential, customers in the aerospace, defence, security and medical sectors that will be serviced by the 10,000 sq ft Advanced Products facility.

"The strategic decision to house the manufacture of components for these industry sectors within this new facility will provide the capacity to expand KMF's business on all fronts. It will create space within the existing manufacturing plant, while developing the type of stand-alone production capability that customers in the aerospace, defence, medical and security industries demand."



One of the two HFP 50-20 press brakes arriving at KMF's Advanced Products manufacturing facility.

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