

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 pressbrakes that were installed during December 2010.

"The new Advanced Products facility is generating a lot of excitement both internally and externally," affirmed Keith Nicholl, KMF's business improvement manager. "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."

The two high specification Amada machines will form part



of the sheetmetal processing cells within the facility and feature seven CNC axes, infra red angle correction system, offline programming with 3D visualisation software and one stroke tooling capability for reduced set-ups. 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 10,000ft² 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," Mr Nicholl added. "It will create space within the existing manufacturing plant, whilst developing the type of standalone production capability that customers in the aerospace, defence, medical and security industries demand."

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