

KMF targets the aerospace and defence markets

Having set up an Advanced Manufacturing Solutions division earlier this month, KMF (Precision Sheet Metal), Newcastle under Lyme, has appointed Graham Jackson to the position of business development manager, with a focus on aerospace and defence.

Mr Jackson, who has worked for some of the leading companies in this field, including Airbus, Boeing and BAE Systems, says: "KMF's desire to move into new strategic markets,

especially high-end, high-value component and assembly work, is backed by its confidence to invest in the people, equipment and facilities needed to meet the strict criteria set down by these customers. The company is bringing a more-commercial response to the needs of these markets and is not encumbered by historical baggage. This will allow fresh ideas and solutions to flourish, and I am finding that customers see this as a refreshing change."

Business improvement manager Keith Nicholl says: "The development of our aerospace and defence business is just one of a series of initiatives that we will be undertaking in 2011. The investment in KMF Advanced Manufacturing Solutions was the first step to open up many more opportunities by being able to provide dedicated manufacturing capacity for high-value-added production across many industry sectors."