



SC21 Silver accreditation for KMF

With the opening of its Advanced Solutions facility in March, Staffordshire-based KMF (www.kmf.co.uk) committed itself to major investment in the aerospace, security and defence, and medical sectors — in which it already has long-term partnerships. The company has now enhanced its appeal to firms looking to out-source sheet-metal assemblies by joining the small group of UK businesses that have gained SC21 Silver accreditation, after deciding to bypass the Bronze level and go straight for Silver.

Sales manager Terry Kimberlin — pictured (left) with SC21 chairman Peter Hogg — says: “When we decided to submit ourselves for the SC21 programme, there were fewer than 10 businesses that had achieved Silver accreditation, out of a supplier base of thousands. That showed the difficulty of achieving this level of accreditation, but we were confident that — given the systems we already had in place — it made sense to aim

for the Silver Award from the outset. To be in such a small group of businesses is a major boost to KMF.

“Even though we continue to see strong growth in our more-traditional sheet-processing business, we recognise that the aerospace and defence sectors provide many opportunities. With the combination of our existing skills and processes, and the additional benefits of SC21 Silver accreditation, we are in a strong position to convert some of these opportunities into sustainable businesses.”

KMF’s Advanced Solutions facility features the latest in sheet metal processing equipment and a computer-controlled tower inventory system, as well as an integration suite with special flooring and benches designed to protect delicate or sensitive components from static build-up during assembly. It is expected to help the company take its annual turnover beyond the £30 million mark in the current financial year.