



Bristol Firm increases workforce by 10%

Bristol based Horstmann Controls have increased their manufacturing workforce by 10% over the last three months. The smart metering and heating controls company have seen a definite upturn in orders and as a result are undergoing a recruitment drive to cope with the demand. The team at Horstmann is made up of administration, sales and marketing, management, engineering, design and factory operatives and benefit from working in a modern well designed building. The comprehensive facilities will soon include a high tech learning centre that has recently been given the go ahead to be developed.

As a result of the recent news coverage on climate change the company have seen a distinct increase in requirements for smart metering systems and heating controls that offer the consumer the chance to manage the amount of energy being used. Awareness has risen that the consumer can take control of their energy use and this has had a direct effect on the sale of items that provide this solution.

The government Warm Front initiative has also raised the profile of products such as Thermoplus, with its easy to use display and default setting of 15 degrees to enable the visually impaired and the elderly to manage their heating controls more effectively. This system can be offered under the grant of up to £4,000 given to those with the need to heat their homes more efficiently.

“The company has seen a definite rise in profile with the current coverage on climate change. The public are becoming more and more aware of the need to be energy efficient in order to save money and reduce carbon emissions. Horstmann are responding to this change in attitude by developing products that will enable the consumer to take control of their energy output.”

Les Woolner, Managing Director, Horstmann Controls

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