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Mr Ron Dennis CBE opens new Semmco facility in Woking

Mr Ron Dennis, CBE, Chairman McLaren Automotive and McLaren Group officially opened the new Semmco high-tech facility in Woking representing the best of British manufacturing.

The 13,000 square-foot vast engineering facility will assist Semmco dramatically increase its production and manufacturing capacity to complete orders it receives from around the world for customers such as First ScotRail, East Midland Trains, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, Lufthansa, Qantas and many more.

Originally based in Wintonlea Industrial Estate, Semmco decided to remain in Woking to retain existing very experienced staff. The decision to move to Goldsworth Park Trading Estate was made to facilitate Semmco's expansion capabilities and its proximity to the M25. The new facility underscores the exceptional growth of Semmco, where production output has doubled in the past three years.

"The new facility will help assist Semmco's growth, particularly in the export market which is set to represent 30% of company turnover in the coming years" said Mr Stuart McOnie, Managing Director of Semmco Ltd.

The opening of the new facility in Woking marks another milestone in Semmco's history, it being the 21st year of the company. Starting with two employees in 1993, Semmco has grown to 29 employees in 2013.

"Although small in comparison to the McLaren Group, our philosophy is the same – innovation, creativity and commitment to excellence. With financial backing from a local bank and continued support from loyal staff, the future of Semmco is bright and the best of British manufacturing is guaranteed." said Mr McOnie.

Speaking at the official opening of the new Semmco facility, Mr Ron Dennis, CBE, said: “In life there are many times when a helping hand can do so much. I am here today at Semmco to give a helping hand. It is with great pleasure that I officially open this facility and I wish Stuart and his team every great success in the future.”

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Notes to editors

Photo Caption:

About Semmco:

Semmco, established in 1993, is a design, engineering and manufacturing company offering a range of specialist services to the rail, aviation, industrial and military markets for service and maintenance of rolling stock, planes and specialist equipment and plant. The company is known as a UK leader for quality in its field.

Within the Rail market Semmco designs and manufactures a comprehensive range of access solutions - Rail Roof Access, Rail Access Steps, Rail Front Access Steps, Rail Modular Access Steps and Rail Fixed Gantry.

Within the Aviation market, Semmco designs and manufactures a comprehensive range of access solutions - Aircraft Engine Access, Engineer Maintenance steps, Cargo Bay Access and among other access platforms.

Providing engineering design and consultancy for special projects and bespoke customer requirements, the company is committed to quality, safety and reliability through innovative designs, while manufacturing cost effective engineered solutions.

Based in Woking, Surrey, the company supplies equipment across the UK and around the world.

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