

Flexitallic and Sealex join forces to expand their operations and manufacturing in Aberdeen



Flexitallic Thermiculite® Range

Flexitallic Ltd, the world leader in the manufacture and supply of static sealing products, and Sealex Ltd, a leading distributor of specialist sealing technologies, engineered hoses and associated products have announced the centralisation of their operations in Aberdeen.

Both companies are members of the FDS Group, and this new structure ensures their customers based in and around Aberdeen, specifically those operating within the oil and gas sector, will benefit from:

- Quickest response to meet the increasing needs of the market
- Highest levels of customer service
- Local service and supply with a dedicated manufacturing cell
- Extensive product range of gaskets and associated products
- Knowledge and technical support from an experienced UK team



New dedicated gasket manufacturing

The group's investment also marks a further boost to the local economy, with potential recruitment plans being considered to support operations during 2012.

Paul Marray, distribution managing director of Sealex Ltd said: "I'm excited to bring Sealex's product range and vision of customer service

to the highly competitive Aberdeen market place, so we can build on the technical expertise and local knowledge contained within Flexitallic. Paul added, "Through increased customer contact we will be able to look after the needs of the local market and supplement our current production capabilities accordingly."

In addition to having a large number of stocked product lines and supporting services, the group's Aberdeen operations, which will remain at its Dyce depot on the Wellheads Industrial Estate, has been strengthened following the introduction of a dedicated gasket manufacturing facility.

Alex Lattimer, commercial director of Flexitallic Ltd said "By joining forces with Sealex we will bring together the world leading manufacturer of gaskets, and an established distribution network. I am also very pleased to announce the creation of a dedicated gasket manufacturing facility for Aberdeen which will provide customers with immediate gasket supply in this demanding market"



Extensive range of stocked hoses and fittings

The FDS Group

The FDS Group (Flexitallic, Novus Sealing, Siem, Induseal, Sealex) was born out of a common vision shared by several of the most visible players in the global sealing industry. All members of the FDS Group take part on a daily basis in the improvement of industrial processes in connection with the safety of operations in sectors as diverse as manufacturing, refineries, petrochemicals and energy. ■

For more information about the range of product and services available, please contact Paul Marray, distribution managing director of Sealex Ltd on 07852 194555 or Ian Marray, sales director of Sealex Ltd on 07977 522034

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Rubberatkins: breaking new ground in 2012

By Christopher Wallace, Rubberatkins Ltd

Aberdeen based Rubber Moulding and Rubber Engineering & Design Company, Rubberatkins, experienced a second year of major growth and interest, particularly within its research and development projects, which are continuing well into 2012 and beyond.

In order to accommodate this growth and to ensure that customer satisfaction is maintained, Rubberatkins has recently strengthened its research and development capabilities with two new members added to engineering group. New test facilities have now been commissioned increasing test capabilities to three 20Kpsi loops and three 10Kpsi test loops at up to 400 degrees F. Material testing capabilities have also been enhanced with additional lab equipment, with more new equipment arriving throughout the year. The acquisition of over £300,000 of state of the art

moulding presses, which are due to be on-site at the beginning of the second quarter, boosts the production capabilities and aids in the continuing expansion that the company has experienced over the last few years.

2012 will also see the construction of a wind turbine on site to power the factory, offices and test facility. The ground was broken on construction on 11th January with completion expected by April 2012. The implementation of this wind turbine will see Rubberatkins taking a big step towards 100% renewable energy usage.

Rubberatkins develops and manufactures with all types of polymers and designs individual compounds to suit applications where high temperatures, pressures and aggressive chemicals combine to create a demanding sealing environment. Innovative

materials have been developed for a number of extreme environments and components are manufactured to withstand the toughest downhole conditions including deep HPHT drilling, completion and pipeline equipment.

Utilising the latest Finite Element Analysis software, Rubberatkins are able to reduce development lead times and improve product performance.

Rubberatkins are one of the oil industry's leading suppliers of elastomeric components also specialising in elastomer to metal bonding. Rubberatkins research, development and manufacturing has a primary focus on the energy industry. The company is committed to providing prompt responses to customer enquiries and to expedient product deliveries, vital for our customers working in this fast paced industry. ■



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