

The CAT that got the Cornish cream...

Flooring accessories specialists CAT have opened its plastics division in Cornwall.



Overview

CAT Limited has been manufacturing specialist flooring accessories for twenty-two years. Based in Luton Bedfordshire the company produce profiles for all types of flooring including vinyl, timber, ceramics and carpet and supply the flooring and building trade throughout the UK and export.

A strong emphasis is on the supply of a bespoke service, which is very popular with architects designers and specifiers with the core business being the commercial sector for shops, hotels and major projects.

CAT also supply the retail flooring industry with over 6000 databased customers including many flooring shops and installers.

With the business needing to expand its plastics division a decision was taken by Managing Director Paul Hayden in late 2006 to locate an extrusion and injection moulding facility in Hayle Cornwall.

Having been a regular visitor to the area for over thirty years and spending a particularly large amount of time in the county for the past three years, Paul considered Hayle to provide the developing business environment for CAT plastics.

Paul explains: "I have always loved Cornwall and when

we began investigating options for expansion we decided to see if opening an operation in Cornwall was viable."

Contacting all local estate agents a suitable factory was finally purchased in January 2007 and work started in earnest to fit out for manufacturing.

A great deal of assistance from a number of local businesses has been much appreciated in the fit out particularly Mr Tony Coyle of Coyle Building Company.

Paul adds: "Relocating any business has its challenges and we had very specific requirements for our site, so it was essential that local suppliers delivered to our specification. We have been delighted with the end result."

A year on there is still more work to do as the plastics side of the business grows but there is a good team spirit in the new factory and all employees feel working and living in Cornwall is a great way of life.

With many plastic products already in production at Hayle and new designs under development CAT look forward to further success in this beautiful part of the country.

Employment

The Hayle factory already employs six persons with plans to recruit more members of staff to a level of fifteen employees over the next eighteen months.

Responsibility for day to day operations is CAT's Technical Plastics Manager, Joe Higgins, with support from Russ Burden who has been with the company for a number of years. They have both relocated their families to set up the business.