

Trade stand turns red and blue at leading UK manufacturing exhibition

Renishaw had a very busy time at the recent MACH 2008 trade show, the UK's largest show for manufacturing industry, held at the NEC, Birmingham. As well as receiving almost 500 enquiries for its world-leading range of precision measurement equipment, the Gloucestershire-based engineering company also hosted two visits from leading Labour and Conservative politicians.

After formally opening the MACH show on 21st April, during which he paid tribute to Renishaw as a leading innovative UK manufacturer, Ian Pearson, UK Minister of State for Science and Innovation, spent time at the company's exhibition stand. The Minister was hosted by Marc Saunders, General Manager for Renishaw's UK Sales Division, who demonstrated the company's new products that help manufacturers' profitability in an era of intense global competition. Mr Saunders also used the opportunity to discuss how the Government could help businesses by giving tax breaks on their research and development investments.



Marc Saunders (r), discusses new products with Ian Pearson, Minister of State for Science and Innovation

Later during the week, Alan Duncan, Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, was also updated by Mr Saunders about the positive impact that many UK manufacturing companies are having on the UK economy, contrary to popular opinion.



Alan Duncan (l) gets hands-on with Renishaw's precision measurement equipment

Whilst at the Renishaw stand Mr Duncan also learnt that 93% of Renishaw's products are exported, but despite this, the company is still able to maintain the bulk of its manufacturing in the UK due to high levels of automation, quality and process innovations in its manufacturing operations.

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About Renishaw plc

One of the world's leading metrology companies, Renishaw plc has been honoured with twelve Queen's Awards to date, recognising Technological Achievement, Export Achievement and, most recently in April 2007, for Enterprise in the Innovations category. In April 2008, the company was honoured with two awards for product excellence at the prestigious MWP Awards.

In the year to 30 June 2007, Renishaw generated turnover of £180.9 million and profit before tax of £32.7 million. The Renishaw Group currently has more than 50 locations in 30 countries, with over 2,150 employees, of which 1,400 people are employed within the company's four locations in Gloucestershire. More information is available at www.renishaw.com.