



## Aluminium die caster marks 100th year by investing £2m



Aluminium die casting business JH Lavender & Co (JHL) has marked its 100th year in business by investing £2m in its future. JHL, based in West Bromwich, was formed by John Herbert Lavender in 1917 and is one of the oldest privately owned aluminium foundries in the UK.

Recent investment includes the purchase and installation of new machinery, as well as expanding its casting and finishing offering.

A statement from the business said "To meet the demands of new products, mass production and increased quality control, JHL have consistently invested in the latest technology in order to ensure the company retains its position as a leader in its field.

"This positive approach has kept JHL at the forefront of the UK manufacturing industry in terms of both process capability and cost competitiveness."

## Aerospace Foundry Group buys two operations from P&W Plants



Consolidated Precision Products Corp., a holding company with operations specializing in cast parts and assemblies for commercial and defense aircraft construction, has purchased two metalcasting operations from Pratt & Whitney Rzeszów S.A., a business unit of Pratt & Whitney Canada. The plants are located in the Aviation Valley region of southeastern Poland, a center of manufacturing and assembly for civilian and military helicopters and small aircraft.

Records show the two plants produce parts for turboprop engines, including the PZL-10W, which powers the PZL Sokol helicopter, developed and now produced by an AugustaWestland subsidiary.

CPP, headquartered in Cleveland, currently has 19 casting and finishing plants

ranging in nature from green sand and permanent mold casting for aluminum, magnesium, and steel; to investment casting (DS/SC) for aluminum, magnesium, steel, and superalloys; to specialty machining and fabrication.

CPP has seven foundries in California, one in Minnesota, the former Hitchcock Industries, and two in France,

the onetime Microcast Group producing investment castings and sand castings in a range of sizes, in aluminum and magnesium alloys, steel, and super alloys. It also has foundries in Belgium, Mexico, and Slovakia.

CPP's list of customers includes all of the major aircraft OEMs and aircraft engine manufacturers. The terms of the purchase were not announced.

"We are very excited to add these two facilities to the CPP family," stated James Stewart, CEO.

"These factories possess best-in-class technology, and will expand our footprint and capabilities. The acquisition will further strengthen our relationship with United Technologies Corp. and Pratt & Whitney Canada, as well as heighten our offering to other customers."

## Carolina Metal Castings expand manufacturing plant in Hardeeville



Carolina Metal Castings, a full-service provider of aftermarket metal castings, is expanding its manufacturing operations at 354 Industrial Park Road in Hardeeville. The project will result in 13 new jobs and an investment of more than \$3 million over the next five years in Jasper County, South Carolina.

In operation for more than 40 years, Carolina Metal Castings is a full-service jobbing foundry that specializes in custom and limited production work. Producing its own tooling in-house, the company also completes its own moldings, castings and heat treatments in-house. This project will double the facility's production capacity and consolidate the company's operations into one location.

"We are very excited to take this next step in our development. The South Carolina Department of Commerce along with other government agencies has been very helpful in making this expansion possible," said President of Carolina Metal Castings Jim Harwood.

"Carolina Metal Castings' decision to expand its South Carolina operations is a huge win for the company and for our state as a whole. We're excited to congratulate the company on the success they've found here, this \$3 million investment, and the 13 new jobs it means for Jasper County," said Governor Nikki Haley.

"While the recruitment of new businesses to our state is a major part of our economic development strategy, the success of our existing industries is just as important. Today, we celebrate the achievements of Carolina Metal Castings in Jasper County and look forward to their continued success in the future," Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt noted.