



## UK's Eltherington Group completes £4m expansion plan

The UK based Eltherington Group Ltd. has announced the completion of its Hedon Road development project which was a part of its expansion plans. The completion of the new £4m factory facility on the Seven Seas site marks the end of an era for a Hull aluminium supplier.

Contractors Hobson & Porter are all set to hand over the project. They started working on site in February this year.

Eltherington Group had invested in a major expansion of the 11-acre site, which included a 7,000 sq ft extension to the factory. Now that the project is complete, it is expected to create space for 20 new jobs.

Hull-based Alan Woods and Partners were also involved in the project. They helped in keeping the 1930's factory design of the Seven Seas site intact,

Eltherington Group Ltd is one of the largest independent aluminium suppliers in Hull. It supplies architectural aluminium and bespoke manufacturing services to the

architectural, construction, caravan, portable and modular building sectors.

On Eltherington completion of the expansion, Managing Director, Antony Eltherington said, "Moving to the Seven Seas Factory and significantly extending the property gives us huge scope for growth for the next period of our business. We are continually developing new systems and solutions which, combined with our exceptional team of staff, means we have outgrown our existing premises."

Mark Smee, director at Hobson & Porter, said, "The completion of Eltherington's new site marks the start of an exciting new era for its business, which will be a boost for the local economy. On top of this, it is fantastic



that the construction of this new facility has been completed locally using our locally-based skilled labourers. Our relationship with Eltherington Group continues to be strong and we are delighted to be the chosen contractor of choice again.

"At Hobson & Porter, we are pleased to play such a significant role in providing infrastructure that will help companies expand and flourish, resulting in the creation of new jobs and further business in the region."

## Indian Automotive Aluminium Die-casters to recover from 2016-17



Auto-casting manufacturers in India have ended 2015-16 fiscal on a weak note. Monsoon was below average which slowed down demand from rural areas inhibiting offtake by domestic two-wheeler and tractor manufacturers. The cascade effect was reflected in decline in sales in these two

segments as well as that for the OEMs including ferrous and aluminium auto casting manufacturers.

The realisation was also brought down by the falling iron and aluminium prices in the global market, limiting revenue growth.

However, outlook for 2016-17 seems brighter for both ferrous and aluminium auto casting manufacturers. Met offices had forecasted a normal monsoon for the fiscal. Going by the trend as of now, rural demand for tractors and two-wheelers seems to be back on track soon boosting growth prospects for ferrous and non-ferrous automotive casting manufacturers.

According to the global research and analytics firm CRISIL, the steady focus on lighter vehicles will boost demand for non-ferrous castings, especially aluminium automotive die-castings, in the next decade.

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