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Onwards & Upwards

As many of you will know our esteemed Managing Director at Lattimer in the UK - Mark Hailwood, retired at the end of last year. Mark had many eventful and successful years with Lattimer and the people in our Business have all benefitted from having known and worked with Mark.



The new Managing Director at Lattimer is Dave Poole. Dave has been with Lattimer for over 30 years and has

stepped up from his previous position as Operations Director. Dave is looking forward to the challenge and has already implemented a number of improvements and will continue to establish himself in his new Post.

In this issue you will see that we continue to invest in people and in new precision grinding equipment along with new product developments. We have exciting innovations prompted by our customers throughout the World, such as the parallel tong holder, and through Hunpreco are developing specialist coatings for delivery equipment which have already been proven under glass.

Following our recent acquisition of H&B at the end of the summer we have seconded people to Germany to learn, understand and offer support to this very busy Company. We still have much work to do with our product rationalisation and market presentation but that will start to evolve during the next year. Many thanks to Andreas and the H&B team for their continued support.



Parallel Tong Launch

The second generation Parallel Tong is now available. The new design has been strengthened, simplified and utilises many of the same proven components used in the Lattimer Anti-Wink Tong Holder. Proven features such as hardened ground supported shafts, a lightweight aluminium body and bronze bushes have been adopted to ensure longevity of this key product.

One of the most common areas reported for critical container defects is around the neck during pickup, the parallel movement in this new tong holder has been designed to provide a smooth, robust and more precise action. This movement allows pickup to be much closer to the mould while also delivering an accurate parallel pickup action.

In addition, the parallel action can be utilised to significantly increase machine speed and decrease cycle time as the Tong Holder is suited to closed mould pickup operation. The Parallel Action Tong Holder has also been designed to be a compact unit directly replaceable with standard Tongs without any modification.

If you are interested in using the only Parallel Action Tong Holder available on the market, please contact your Account Manager for further details.

Advancements in Grinding

(2 New Machines)

Lattimer UK has received significant recent investment in its grinding operations. Grinding our products allows us to manufacture parts to incredibly precise tolerances ensuring that they are accurate, fit for purpose and in specification to drawing.

The two new machines have both been specifically designed for use on Lattimer products. The first machine, **Stöckel**, is used to grind each individual spline on our Neckring Mechanism. The machine also includes laser measuring and automatic diamond dressing to ensure consistency across each shaft.

The second machine, The **GER C-1000 CNC** is used for precision grinding on spacers, sleeves and bushes. Similarly to the Stöckel, this machine is also equipped with laser measuring, specialised clamping and automated wheel diamond dressing.

The new additions to the Grinding Cell have significantly expanded our capacity, reduced delivery time to our customers and further streamlined production processes.



Parallel Mould Manufacturing Developments

To cope with industry demand, Lattimer has been developing processes for production of Parallel Mould Equipment. New pattern investments, Zero Point Clamping and Fixturing in conjunction with our new 50 Taper Mills CNC Milling Machine have allowed us to deliver high quality, cost effective Inserts for Parallel Mould Open and Close Machines to our customers globally.

Our latest milling machine uses larger and more robust machine tools which can effectively remove more material at a quicker rate than its predecessor without compromising quality.

Customers visit Lattimer

In March, we were pleased to welcome visitors from SGD Pharma, Germany and France. The aim of the visit was to provide an overview of products, training on supplied equipment, project sign off prior to delivery, and also new developments.

The visit was hosted at Lattimer Headquarters in Southport, UK. This gave the SDG Team an opportunity to view our complete production process and thorough quality procedures.

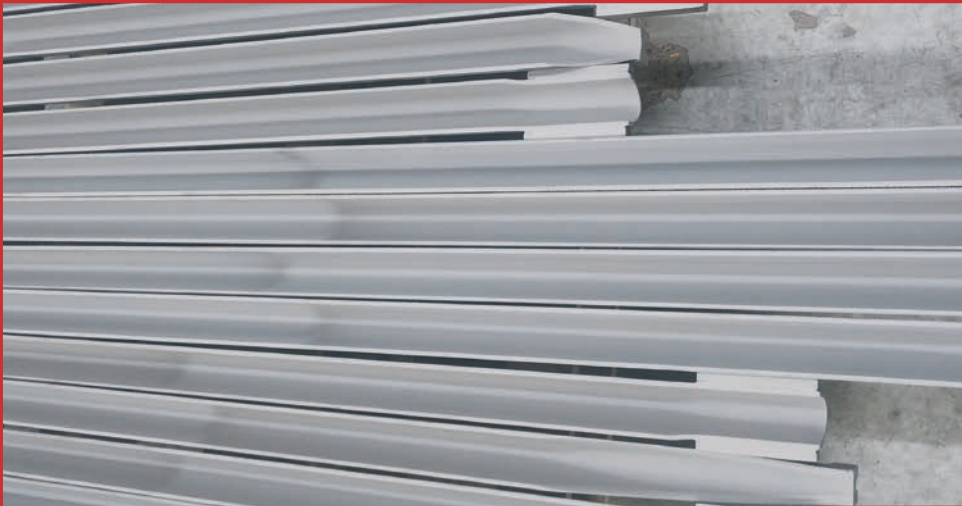
All customers are welcome to visit Lattimer at anytime, we are open to provide training programmes and development sessions where we can promote new and exciting prospects.

If you would like to organise a visit to Lattimer, please contact your Account Manager.



The Hunprencó logo consists of the word "hunprencó" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, centered within a red square. The square is set against a white background.

HDC20 Delivery coating update



During the past eight months we have been working closely with our customers in the UK to develop a new delivery coating. Following trials of HDC20 on several production lines, we've seen impressive results and our customers are experiencing significant benefits of using HDC20. As popularity of the coating increases, we aim to refine the coating process and decrease delivery times further.

Following success in the UK with various Glass Groups, we are now working with plants in Spain, France and Germany to move this product into the market further.

Improved pricing and delivery time

At Hunprencó, we have been in discussions with our suppliers to secure raw material and treatment costs for the coming year to ensure we can continue to provide world leading quality at a competitive price point.

We have also been refining our various processes to work more efficiently and increase productivity within the plant. As a result of these improvements, we will further decrease our delivery times.

Looking into the future, Hunprencó will continue to refine processes and look to introduce further automation over the coming months to ensure the benefits of our hard work can be passed onto our customers giving them a five-star service they deserve.



H&B Secondment

To further grow the collaboration between Lattimer and Hartmann and Bender (H&B), Recardo Jacobs and James Davidson have recently completed a secondment at H&B.

During their two-week stay, they worked across several departments to grow their understanding of processes and product range.

H&B have many similar machines to Lattimer, however, some new advanced equipment from Mazak was of specific interest to James and Recardo. Upon their return to the UK, they will identify areas for continuous improvement.



Transatlantic Cooperation



Engineering collaboration is essential for fostering innovation and achieving shared goals within an organization. In March, Lattimer US Quality and Engineering visited Lattimer UK to strengthen connections, foster alignment, and promote teamwork within the engineering and quality team. We recognize that by investing time in team development pays off in improved productivity, employee engagement, and overall organizational success.

Also, we are pleased to introduce Joseph Travia who joined Lattimer US engineering team in April of 2023. He has worked as a machine designer and engineer for various firms and manufacturing companies producing everything from industrial waste handling equipment, machines for the food and pharmaceutical industries, automated material handling systems, and even custom millwork cabinetry.

Lattimer USA Employee Focus

We are pleased to announce the promotion of **John Cunane** who has been with Lattimer US for a decade working primarily on the horizontal machining centres and most recently with the new Mazak H6000. John is well respected within the organisation and is looking forward to the challenges in the new role.


Materials Manager **Junior Perez** is retiring after forty-one years with Lattimer US. We thank Junior for his long service to the Company but also for his commitment, friendship and advice over many years. Long term employee **Jose Cruz** has been promoted and will seamlessly move into the role of Materials Manager. We have also begun the training of **Alan Maddamma** on machine maintenance to ensure that the equipment is running at optimal performance.



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