

Di-Spark joins the jet-set

Market-leading precision engineering specialist Di-Spark Ltd has recently acquired AS 9001 accreditation and, as a consequence, has strengthened its position in the aerospace supply chain as a world-class supplier to the sector.

The AS 9001 accreditation programme, begun by Di-Spark at the beginning of 2008, was awarded to the company in June 08.

Already accredited to ISO 9001: 2000 some years earlier, Di-Spark's AS 9001 accreditation reflects the sophistication, efficacy and continuous improvement of its Quality Management System (QMS), and provides further evidence that the company's commitment to 'Best Practice' is delivering real business benefits.

As Di-Spark's managing director, David Light says: "We are a key player in the aerospace sector, and the AS 9001 accreditation will only help strengthen our credentials.

"Having our QMS accredited to this (AS 9001) standard means we are well placed to capitalise on the recently-announced

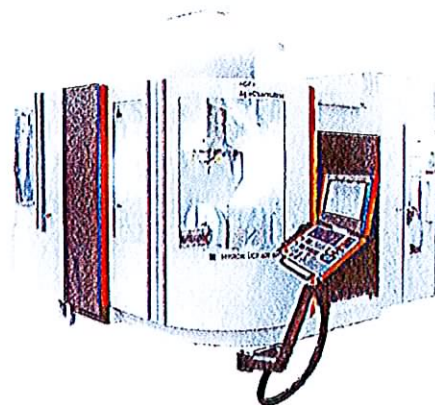
'SC21' aerospace initiative (and other initiatives like it) which, in part will see AS 9001 accreditation become a contractual requirement for suppliers, and a discriminator in aerospace supplier selection."

AS 9001 accreditation will also ensure that Di-Spark is entered onto OASIS (On-line Aerospace Supplier Information System) – a database that advertises manufacturing capabilities and capacity to prospective customers.

David Light continues: "Some of our most recent investments have been in high-performance 5-axis machine tools equipped with high-capacity automatic tool changers and workpiece pallet changers.

"The increased productivity and performance we get from these machines means that we are not only ideally placed to capitalise on opportunities in the aerospace sector, but also other high-technology growth sectors such as medical, oil/gas and defence etc."

Di-Spark's proactive business approach has also seen the company invest in other



productivity-enhancing technology i.e. advanced measurement and inspection equipment; sophisticated CAD/CAM software etc. The company is also looking, in the future, to further exploit the advantages to be gained from 'one-hit' machining by investing in multi-axis mill – turn technology.

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