



Newsletter April 2010



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SPUNALLOYS TO INCREASE SIZE RANGE TO OVER 2000mm DIAMETER

At Spunalloys, we recognize the importance of providing a comprehensive range of sizes and materials to our customers. Following on from the strategic focus on centrifugally cast stainless steel, our engineers have been exploring other ways to provide an improved service to our customers. In response to high demand in the marketplace, Spunalloys will be upgrading existing vertical casting equipment to enable the production of centrifugal castings well over 2000mm in diameter. Castings will be offered in all materials including the traditional copper/bronze alloys as well as our new stainless steel range.

The decision to upgrade the existing machinery and dies has been made following an in-depth costing exercise, which also included monitoring the range of sizes on customer enquiries. On analysis, an increasing number of enquiries, especially those originating from our US and European customer-base, called for centrifugal castings over 1500mm diameter. Up to now our customers have often struggled to find a reliable and competitive source in the marketplace. We are pleased to be able to offer our customers a complete and flexible service, which can include finish machining of all items via our on-site machine shop.

Enquiries can be sent to sales@spunalloys.co.uk or faxed to +44 (0)8701 290 865. Alternatively, speak to one of our sales representatives on +44 (0)1384 410 111.



EMPLOYEE PROFILE (and bonus joke of the month!)

Name:

Andy Gibbs

Employee since:

August 2009

Company:

Mathers Foundry, Manchester

Role:

Group Operations Director,
GM Mathers Foundry

Biography:

Andy started at Mathers in August and has held a variety of senior positions in the UK foundry industry. Andy brought extensive general management and production expertise to the Group and has helped to drastically improve the infrastructure at Mathers. Some recent improvements include a full recommissioning of the Fast Loop system, the reorganisation of people and their respective roles, the complete recommissioning of the sand reclamation system, and the commissioning of new sand mixers and core blowers. Andy is a degree qualified metallurgist and has enjoyed various senior positions including roles at Cosworth, CTI and Chamberlain and Hill. Andy is highly respected in the Group and was subsequently presented with his new Panda Company Car. N.B Andy is well over 6ft tall and (conservatively!) 20 stone!



Uniquely bespoke to me and proud of it!



JOKE OF THE MONTH!:

I came out my house yesterday and was hit on the head by a bag of frozen sausages, a chocolate gateau and some fish fingers. I realised it must be the fallout from Iceland!



WESTLEY GROUP FACT OF THE MONTH

We are pleased to announce that our order intake is over budget for the year so far at £28M for our first 8 months. We would like to thank all our customers for their continued support during tough times.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: It's a bit early for Iceland volcano jokes. We should wait a while for the dust to settle!



Hmmm...nice and big new company car



Ahhrrrgggg.....there's the first leg and love handle in.....