

Photo: The new LAMOND & MURRAY DEXIS Northern Service Centre in Inverkeithing

Scottish Precision Gear Manufacturer Opens New Northern Service & Repair Centre

One of the country's leading precision gear manufacturers is investing £150,000 and creating up to five jobs by moving its gearbox service and repair centre to a larger facility in Inverkeithing, Scotland.

LAMOND & MURRAY DEXIS has opened the new 7,000 square feet facility at Unit 15, Belleknowes Industrial Estate, Inverkeithing, Fife, just half a mile from the company's headquarters at Burnside which will continue to manufacture loose gears.

Situated close to the M90 and the city of Edinburgh, the company's Northern Service Centre enjoys great transportation links to UK motorway network.

Having outgrown its previous space at HQ, the service centre is keen to expand its offering to customers across Scotland and Northern England. In addition to gearbox services, it offers pump repairs and refurbishment and electric motor rewinds and repair.

The new facility will allow LAMOND & MURRAY DEXIS to grow its already well-established and respected gearbox overhaul service offering, whilst supplementing the gearbox services provided by HAYLEY 247 DEXIS facilities in both Dudley and King's Lynn.

The additional workshop space doubles existing capacity, with up to four electromechanical fitters and a dedicated service centre manager set to be recruited in the next three years. The company has a workforce of 35, including three engineering apprentices who are key to future plans.

Gearbox overhaul services currently account for about 20% of the company's business at Inverkeithing but managing director Stephen Clarke is expecting this percentage to grow this year with the support of the HAYLEY DEXIS branch network.

LAMOND & MURRAY DEXIS exports to the USA, Canada and the Middle East and is reporting an increase in orders from original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in the UK.

The company's unique selling point is its ability to offer a one-stop-shop service. In addition to servicing, repairing and overhauling gearboxes, the company designs, reverse engineers and manufactures loose gears.

"Not only do we overhaul and repair gearboxes, but we also manufacture, assemble and build from scratch special purpose gearboxes, which makes the company almost unique," explained Stephen. "Our main focus this year is to support the HAYLEY DEXIS branch network in Northern England and Scotland where we see plenty of potential for growth."

Founded in 1921 to manufacture machinery for the mining industry, the company has customers in the oil and gas, food and beverage, mining and quarrying, rubber and plastics, paper and steel industries.

Already sub-contracting to businesses supplying the defence and nuclear sectors, LAMOND & MURRAY DEXIS is looking to extend its expertise to the wind turbine industry during 2025.

Supplying machine cut gears up to 2.5 metres in diameter and ground gears up to 1.48 metres in diameter, the company has continually invested in plant and machinery. Spur, helical, double helical and bevel gears, scroll shafts, gearing couplings and splines are manufactured using computer controlled machinery.

Work is undertaken on a 'complete supply' or a 'gear-cutting-only' basis, with the flexibility to provide an excellent break-down service, utilising extensive stocks.

In June 2019, Lamond and Murray was acquired by international group Descours et Cabaud. Its name was updated to LAMOND & MURRAY DEXIS in the last year to align closer to the industrial arm of Descours & Cabaud, DEXIS.

Being linked to the HAYLEY DEXIS branch network across the UK raises the company's profile and generates sales leads.

As part of this network, LAMOND & MURRAY DEXIS is able to service, repair and monitor any type of extruder gearbox which is fully stripped, inspected and subjected to a comprehensive report. Full rebuild reports and test documentation are supplied as standard.

The company retains the Lamond family link through its directors, lain and Alistair. Stephen joined the company in back in January 1998.

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