



Bodycote Extends Thermal Spray Expertise

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Macclesfield, U.K. - UK-based Bodycote plc, the world's leading provider of thermal processing services, is pleased to announce the acquisition of three UK companies, Plasma & Thermal Coatings Ltd, Greenhey Engineering Services and NPE Innotek Ltd, which join the Metallurgical Coatings division of Bodycote plc's Thermal Processing SBU.

Plasma & Thermal Coatings operates from Newport, South Wales, and provides plasma spray, HVOF, arc spray and flame spray coatings. The facility is Nadcap accredited for the thermal spray coatings of aerospace components and was the first UK thermal spray company to achieve the environmental management standard ISO 14001.

Greenhey Engineering Services offers state-of-the-art thermal spray capability from its facility in Skelmersdale. Additional services also include ceramic coatings and the machine shop is equipped with the latest CNC lathes and milling machines, together with grinding and finishing capability.

NPE Innotek Ltd is a precision engineering company based in Neath, South Wales, offering precision tooling and machining solutions to a wide range of industries. NPE manufactures tools and equipment in hard metal, all grades of tools and high speed steel (including powder metallurgy steels) and advanced materials to customer specification.

These acquisitions further enhance the expertise and range of services provided by Bodycote's Metallurgical Coatings SBU across the UK.

About Bodycote

Founded in 1923, Bodycote plc offers premier metallurgical services at more than 300 facilities in 35 countries worldwide. Headquartered in Macclesfield, UK, Bodycote also provides material testing services. Sales in 2007 exceeded US\$1 billion. Bodycote Japan K.K. is headquartered in Nagoya. For more information, visit www.bodycote.co.jp

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