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Work on NEW expanded Thorite UK Headquarters gets underway

Earlier this year Thorite, the UK'S leading specialist of pneumatics, air compressors, air tools, and fluid handling equipment announced their intention to relocate their UK Headquarters to a new location nearer to central Bradford.

Thorite offers customers the most comprehensive range of market-leading, cost-effective equipment to meet the needs of MRO, OEM, and Resale customers. Thorite supply to many diverse UK industrial market sectors nationwide and services include application advice, system design & build and installation.

Due to continued growth, Thorite has outgrown their home of the last 50 years and need to bring all their value-added services together under one roof.

The new, multi-million pound, purpose-built 44,000 sq.ft site more than doubles the size of the current facility, meaning that Thorite's Bradford Sales & Service Centre, Aftermarket Service, Systems Design & Build, Training Academy, and National Distribution Centre will all be combined on one site, giving customers a complete one-stop-shop experience and even greater choice for all their fluid power needs.

Additionally, Thorite plans to ensure that customer-facing staff – field sales, sales support, marketing, and purchasing work more closely together to further develop and nurture key customer relationships and new product development.

There will be a brand-new Sales & Service Centre showroom and trade counter, built alongside a new product showcase area. Here, Thorite will demonstrate new and innovative industrial products and solutions that Thorite continually collaborates on with their 70 global supply partners.

Thorite last year had a turnover of almost £20 million but has ambitious future growth plans, and this move gives Thorite a great foundation to make this major step-change.

Stephen Wright, Managing Director, said “We’re now in a position to move ahead with this exciting new chapter in Thorite’s future. Our new world-class facility gives us the platform to further commit to continuously improve our service performance to our customers, allowing us to become more efficient, to more consistently meet the demand for our products and provide improved stockholding, delivery performance, service quality, training and much more.”

Note :

A family-owned business since its foundation in 1850, Thorite has grown to become the UK’s largest supplier of pneumatic, compressed air and fluid handling products and systems. From its UK Headquarters in Bradford, which also doubles as the company’s state of the art National Distribution Centre, Sales and Service Centre, Service administration and Systems Division, Thorite has expanded to create a national network of 11 Sales & Service Centres In Blackburn, Bolton, Bristol, Doncaster, Huddersfield, Leeds, Rochdale, Sheffield, North Shields, and the West Midlands.

Thorite’s Managing Director, Stephen Wright is extensively involved with the business community. He has joined the board as a director of the British Compressed Air Society in November 2018. He was President of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce from 2011 to 2013 and served as Chairman of the West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce from 2015 to 2017. Stephen was Chairman of the Yorkshire and Humberside EEF Regional Advisory Board from 2012 to 2017.