

Kawasaki marks 25 year foundry role with VA Technology Ltd.

Kawasaki Robotics UK has formally acknowledged VA Technology Ltd as its premier OEM partner for its innovative use and development of robots for investment casting. Telford based VA Technology is celebrating 25 years in business developing into a world leading supplier of engineered solutions for the investment casting sector.

The special relationship with Kawasaki fits in well with VA Tech's philosophy of keeping control over all critical component design and supply. Drives and controls all fall within this category and VA Tech, ensures that components are built to withstand the rigours and demands of the foundry industry.

The investment casting process is a vital element in the production process of turbine blades and medical prosthetics and, by the critical nature of these components, manufacturing equipment is required to meet exacting standards. Jim Byrne, Chairman of VA Technology, explains, "In this industry we know the only way we can assure quality, performance and reliability is by engineering our products from the inside out specifically for investment casting. This includes the robot element which is why our relationship with Kawasaki is so important.

"Our product range has evolved significantly over 25 years and, although we already believe Kawasaki Robotics to be the most reliable and capable platform for casting, we further engineer the robot to make it industry specific."

Complete systems through to modular components are available from VA Technology and all specific robot requirements for cutting and grinding and ceramic shell making have proprietary technology modules, hardware, control, and software available. Currently VA Technology is supplying systems incorporating Kawasaki Robotics to leading turbine blade manufacturers.



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Notes to editors:

Kawasaki Robotics (UK) Ltd is the UK robotics division of Kawasaki Heavy Industries Japan.

Based in Warrington, Kawasaki Robotics (UK) Ltd occupies a 15,000 Sq. Ft. Building. Its location provides easy access to the main motorway network and is at the centre of its customer base.

The facility centralises all the sales and customer support operations, with areas for customer demonstrations, training, robot test and integration and a large area for stock machines. Over 1,800 machines are now operating in a wide range of industries and applications throughout the UK.

Operating through a network of system partners, automation integrators and also supplying direct to end users, Kawasaki Robotics (UK) Ltd offers experience in the widest range of industry sectors.

Kawasaki Heavy Industries introduced its first industrial robot into the Japanese domestic market in 1969 and since then has developed into a world leader in the manufacture of industrial robots. Renowned world-wide for quality and technology in all its engineering systems and products, this philosophy is continued throughout the Kawasaki Robotics divisions.

