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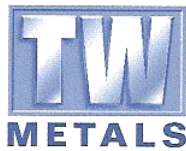
TW METALS OPENS POLISH SUBSIDIARY

On the 16th June, TW Metals officially opened a new subsidiary company, TW Metals Polska SP. z.o.o., in the south eastern Polish city of Rzeszow.

The new facility comprises a warehouse and office complex and includes a 'customs bonded warehouse', designed with the potential and plan to double in size within twelve months. It is strategically placed to service the burgeoning aerospace and engineering activity in the district known as Aviation Valley.

TW Metals Polska will be responsible for the supply of cut to size aluminium and stainless steel products to the Aerospace Business Unit of WSK. Material will be used for the manufacture of aero engine components. Initially, cut pieces will be processed and supplied by TW Metals in the US and TW Metals Polska will be responsible for inventory management and direct delivery to the WSK production line against schedule requirements. Eventually all processing will be undertaken by TW Metals Polska.

It is planned that the new facility will expand quickly to carry a full range of metal products to complement existing stocks. In the meantime, TW Metals Polska will be supported by back-up stocks held in TW warehouses in the USA and the UK. The establishment of a local and qualified aviation materials supplier with just in time and direct to line delivery experience will enable WSK and other Polish customers to capitalise on shorter lead times, reduced inventory and lower material handling costs.



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Says David Henman, managing director of TW Metals in the UK and president of TW Metals Polska, “This expansion into Poland reinforces the TW Metals philosophy of working closely with customers to understand their needs and to add maximum value to the supply chain process. It also recognises the increasingly important role that Polish manufacturing is playing in the global economy.”

TW Metals Polska Sp. z.o.o. is a subsidiary of TW Metals Ltd. based in Southampton UK. The TW Metals Group is a major distributor and specialised processor of metals for many industry sectors including aerospace, chemical, petrochemical, power generation and general engineering. Group headquarters are located in Exton Pa., USA with over 20 locations in N. America. In addition to the USA and UK, the Group has facilities in France and Singapore. The company has been involved with the aerospace industry for over 60 years.

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