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From start to perfect finish**



The Dunstable sub-contractor's transformation from a niche drilling, boring and honing shop into an award-winning business offering a complete manufacturing service has inevitably required changes to the way in which Hone-All operates. According to Colin Rodney, Managing Director, the ISO 9001:2000-accredited company's priority is always to respond positively to customers' machining requirements, however demanding they may be.

"We are committed to reducing set-up times and shortening delivery times," he says, "and our investment in new production equipment reduces manufacturing costs and cuts lead times on high-value machine components for customers in key industry sectors, such as aerospace, automotive and oil and gas."

The installation of a third deep hole drilling and boring machine in the 10,000 sq. ft. main factory has prompted a re-organisation of the main machine shop, with a number of smaller manual and automated machine tools transferred to a nearby satellite unit that specialises in one-offs and small batch work. The 1.5 m, 2 m and 3 m length capacities of the three deep hole borers now matches the between-centres capacity of the sub-contract turning section, where earlier this year a 1250 mm between-centres Colchester Combi manual/CNC lathe was installed to ease the pressure on this busy section.

"Our investment programme means the entire manufacturing process is always under review," says Hone-All Precision Director, Andrea Rodney. "So we are confident that, in combination with a successful recruitment policy and a comprehensive training programme, we are fully equipped to deliver close tolerance components on time and at a very competitive price."

Hone-All Precision's emergence as a leading 'one stop shop' for precision machined components is attributable to an on-going capital investment programme, a continuing focus on quality, and a motivated and well-trained workforce.



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