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Business Birmingham West Midlands Growth Company



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Mike Dinsdale, former Managing Director of Guhring Ltd, commented:

"The UK was Guhring's first location to create a subsidiary outside of Germany. Now the group has in excess of 70 similar production and service operations throughout the world. Creating a new facility in Birmingham is a major step towards meeting the company's strategic focus to strengthen our global presence. Guhring's new UK headquarters will allow the company to further expand both its manufacturing, regrinding and R&D offering and serve our global client-base. "Birmingham's engineering and manufacturing capabilities are world-class, and locating in the Advanced Manufacturing Hub will ensure we can easily access local supply chain networks, a wide pool of skilled engineers, and easily connect with target markets in the UK and internationally".

The Advanced Manufacturing Hub (AMH) is one of six Economic Zones in Birmingham established by Birmingham City Council. The site is designed to support new and expanding businesses by offering incentives such as simplified planning, gap funding and recruitment support.

Guhring represents the second foreign direct investment (FDI) project into the AMH, which has already attracted Hydraforce – a US hydraulics manufacturer, which opened a new 120,000 sq ft factory there in 2016.

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About Business Birmingham

Business Birmingham is Greater Birmingham's official inward investment programme; part of the West Midlands Growth Company (WMGC). Business Birmingham was recently named as the best regional Investment Promotion Agency in Western Europe by Site Selection magazine.

This project is partially funded by the England 2014 to 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme through its ERDF Investing in Greater Birmingham Project. Business Birmingham aims to position Greater Birmingham as a leading inward investment location and major engine of UK growth. For more information, visit Business Birmingham's website or sign up to its newsletter.

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