

New Technology & Education Centre Opening for Mitsubishi Materials

Mitsubishi Materials has opened a new technology centre - MTEC (Mitsubishi Technology & Education Centre) near Stuttgart, Germany. The new centre is housed in a modern two-storey building and was officially inaugurated with an opening ceremony on June 4th 2019.

This state-of-the-art facility represents significant investment for the present and future needs of Mitsubishi's development towards providing customers with turnkey metal cutting solutions. To achieve this, MTEC houses the latest high-technology turning, milling and Swiss type machine tools, including a 5-axis machining centre. These new machines are complemented by advanced coordinate measuring and quality inspection devices, together with the latest in tool setting equipment.

Yutaka Tanaka, President of MMC Hardmetal Europe (Holdings) GmbH (the European Headquarters of Mitsubishi Materials Metalworking Solutions Company) says "It is our expectation that this exciting new facility will become well respected for providing a closer, direct engineering contact with our customers.

We aim to give them answers that will provide improvements to their application processes, as well as using our engineering expertise for more advanced turnkey projects. MTEC will also offer an important test bed for our own cutting tool development and form strong links with Mitsubishi's other global technical centres in Japan, China, Thailand, Spain and the USA. This link will enable a greater sharing of accumulated machining data for the benefit of our customers". The centre is staffed by personnel from the European



Project Engineering team who will make this their new home base. The team currently consists of 12 employees and will expand as demand for their services increase. Enrique Lopez, General Manager explains "Our international, experienced team of experts will be responsible for customers projects ranging from individual application questions through to full turnkey projects. They will provide services such as bespoke tool design, CAD/CAM programming and complex overall machining packages. We hope that MTEC and its staff will exceed customer expectations and enhance Mitsubishi's reputation as one of the leaders in the cutting tool industry."

The opening of MTEC Stuttgart is a milestone in Mitsubishi's history as it operates as a driving force for building synergies, strengthening the collaborative framework between Mitsubishi and international machine tool builders. Kunihiro Endo, Manager of MTEC Stuttgart confirms "Co-development, technology transfer and open innovation are not unfamiliar to us. Our solutions centre will open new avenues of cooperation, enabling us to optimise our continuous improvement process and accelerate sustainable growth."

Mitsubishi Materials now operates 2 MTEC centres in Europe, the other being in Valencia, situated close to its production plant there.

