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Harrison Steel Invests 9 Million In New Finish Machine Shop Facility

Global castings company sets the standard high with state of the art facility

ATTICA, IN – (01.11.13) –Attica based Harrison Steel Castings Company recently embarked upon an investment that will take them to the next level and provide a foundation for many future opportunities.

The company has built a \$9.0 million finish machine shop facility which allows Harrison to provide a one-stop-shop operation for its current and prospective customers. The addition of the 29,000 sq. ft. finish machine shop demonstrates Harrison Steel's commitment to an overall strategic plan aimed at the comprehensive betterment of the company as a whole.

"First and foremost the finish machine shop will allow for a one-stop-shop; a turnkey operation for our customers," stated Geoffrey Curtis, Vice President and General Manager of Harrison Steel. "The new facility allows us the ability to provide both rough and finish machining in one shop instead of using an off-site vendor. We have been able to offer this in the past to select customers, but now, we have committed the space, equipment and manpower to offer it to everyone. This will save significantly in time and shipping costs," explained Curtis.

There are many benefits to Harrison Steel's turnkey machining solutions.

"Having a one-stop-shop allows us to have control over the quality of parts from beginning to end," said Mike Bossaer, Machine Shop Facility Superintendent at Harrison Steel. "Should a problem ever arise, we have the ability to deal with it swiftly and efficiently, without the cost and time of shipping parts back and forth. Less complexity generally means customers will experience a high level of convenience. We think that will make our customers pretty happy."

The team at Harrison Steel spent a lot of time and effort researching which partnerships would be the most beneficial to ensure the success of the new finish machine facility. Shelton Machinery and Mazak Corporation were chosen.

"The versatile Mazak V100 machine tool was chosen for the initial investment because of its ability to efficiently handle a wide variety of product types consistent with Harrison Steel's product profile," stated Kevin Cherry, Business Development Manager at Harrison Steel. "Its versatility serves many industries including energy, mining and construction, shipping, and agriculture. We serve all of those industries, so it's a perfect fit for Harrison Steel."

At the end of 2012, Harrison Steel purchased an additional machine for the facility, the Mazak E1850.

"This machine provides us with large-capacity turning potential, which greatly enhances the capabilities of the new facility," explained Bossaer. "The addition of these two machines really does take Harrison to the next level."

“The new machine shop facility will prove vital to Harrison Steel’s continued success,” stated Wade Harrison III, Vice President of Purchasing/HR at Harrison Steel. “There were many key factors that drove the investment,” explained Harrison. “The new facility provides us a competitive tool with which to grow. We are able to offer more economical, high quality steel castings to our customers. In addition, more space for operations offers more opportunity for future business.”

Harrison Steel Castings Company is a full-service, global steel castings company with approximately 750 employees. They are located in Attica, Indiana. For more than 100 years, Harrison Steel has produced highly engineered carbon and low/medium alloy steel castings for the world’s most prestigious names in agriculture, heavy equipment, energy, military, mining, and oil & gas. The company’s progressive approach to business has contributed to their status as state-of-the-art, technology-driven engineering and manufacturing professionals. Harrison Steel’s mantra is People, Quality, Velocity, Cost and through their efforts, they strive to live up to that daily. The company maintains one simple, driving principal, “Satisfy the customer”.

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