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Move to new base for Plymouth engineering firm

Staff at Plymouth based Applied Automation (UK) Limited are settling into their huge new factory as the company puts its expansion plans into action.

The engineering firm bought and refurbished a former print works on Langage Industrial Estate, a site that is 140,000 square feet and more than double the size of the previous headquarters.

Managing Director David Rowe said: “We had significantly outgrown our old factory. Our Engineering Solutions and Industrial Systems divisions needed more space to build the bespoke, automated machines and factory equipment. The old St Ives print factory was an ideal choice. It is close to our previous site and we did want to stay in the Plymouth area.

“The move also means I can bring together the Plymouth teams that were split over two separate sites. We have plenty of room for our marine and home automation showrooms and to accommodate our future growth plans, including the recruitment of 15 more employees over the next few years.”

Applied Automation secured a grant from the Plymouth and South West Peninsula City Deal GAIN Growth Fund+ Programme, through the government’s Regional Growth Fund initiative. The funding will help support future expansion plans.

Mr Rowe added: “This is a really exciting time for us. Our sales figures for 2014/15 are £15.5 million, a £1.1 million increase on the previous year. We’re doing really well and I’m delighted we are able to take this significant step in our growth plans.”

Applied Automation was recently listed as number 36 in the Fast Growth 75 list that celebrates the top fastest growing companies in the westcountry. Earlier this year, David Rowe was recognised for his hard work growing the firm from a small, three man enterprise into a successful business and picked up Entrepreneur of the Year in the Plymouth business awards.