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New year and new jobs at Plymouth engineering firm

Plymouth engineering firm, Applied Automation, is creating ten new jobs at its Plymouth headquarters. The positions include two management posts and eight mechanical and controls fitters.

The Engineering Solutions division is being expanded and there have also been a number of promotions within the team.

Managing Director David Rowe said: "I'm delighted to announce we are creating these new posts. Our business is growing even more rapidly than we forecast and we need to make some changes to the division. It is a really exciting time as we cement our position as one of the UK's leading automation providers."

The division handles the design and build of automated machinery for industry and is attracting customers with new, large scale projects.

"Moving into larger premises last year has presented us with the opportunity to take on more customers and physically bigger machines. We have expanded our sales and design team, now we need to increase the size of the build team." Mr Rowe added.

The creation of these new positions will take the number of employees to 160. Building automated equipment is the core business for Applied, a company with a broad portfolio including marine control systems. Its latest published sales figures are £15 million and it has a very healthy order book.

Applied bought the 140,000 square feet factory in Langage and moved in during 2015 after a major refurbishment. The factory is more than twice the size of firm's previous site and represents a significant step in the expansion plans. The official opening of the building was celebrated with customers and suppliers from around the world.

Applied was recently placed at number 63 in the Fast Growth 75 list that celebrates the top, fastest growing companies in the westcountry. The company has also picked up a number of regional awards in recent years including Business of the Year, Manufacturer of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year.

