

PGF REVIEW

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In an undeniably difficult business climate, Production Glassfibre continues to develop its customer base, product offer and manufacturing capability in order to maintain its position as the UK's largest and most secure glassfibre moulder. With the confidence that comes from being debt free and with funds to hand, we are still seeking out acquisition opportunities to build the business, though our major strategic project this year will be the move to our new North factory.

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One of our significant successes so far in 2010 has

been our entry in a major way to the Glassfibre Permanent Formwork sector, supplementing our expertise with Concrete Shuttering. Utilised in virtually every new road bridge being built in the UK, these steel reinforced, glassfibre 'boards' allow a complexity of profile in design and minimal deflection under load, whilst at the same time being easier to handle than any traditional material.

With over 10,000sqm supplied in the first half of the year for bridges on the M8 and M74 motorways, as well as smaller projects in London, we are now truly established as a major provider. And with all 3 factories having experience in the products manufacture, we can offer a local service throughout the UK.



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Other new business illustrates the diverse capability of glassfibre as a material and PGF as a company! Our South factory completed a one-off contract to supply **2.1km of fascia panels** in a 6 week period for an international fine art exhibition, whilst in Scotland, we manufactured the **Bonnet & Ducting** for a prototype off-road/military vehicle in an even shorter time frame from drawing to delivery. New Caravan, Motorhome, Ambulance and Housebuilder customers also added to our diverse portfolio of contented customers.

NEW NORTH FACTORY

Production Glassfibre has at last taken possession of our new business base to serve the Midlands and North of England. Consolidating our Altham and Skelmersdale factories in to a new plant, centrally located between the two, has been a major strategic objective since acquiring WL Cunliff back in January 09.

The new location in Chorley, Lancashire, amounts to 5,000sqm of modern, well lit, high eave'd manufacturing space with first class offices, yard, parking, power, security and other facilities every company craves. The unit is being fitted out to accommodate pattern making, mould making, hand-lay, spray deposition and RTM. There will also be the best of facilities for trimming, finishing and paint spraying, as well as the space we need for stores, packing and organised dispatch.

Located **5 minutes from the M6** and 10 minutes from the M61, it gives us excellent access to the major motorway networks, and enables us to reach the major centres of Manchester, Birmingham and Leeds comfortably within 90 minutes drive time. Being 20 miles from both of our previous bases was also a critical consideration, to ensure that the majority of our employees will be able to transfer to the new factory with us.

With the **Altham customers and employees already re-located**, by the end of 2010 the entire North business will be working from the new site, bringing benefits in organisational productivity and giving us a facility we will be proud to show any visitor. Please get in touch should you be in the area and wish to see around.



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WATER TREATMENT HIGHLIGHTS

More than 20,000 hours of manpower, 100,000kg of resin and a million pound of sterling were required to manufacture the Glassfibre covers needed to top-off the £50,000,000 upgrade of United Utilities Fleetwood Treatment Works. Designed and Engineered by our team at Wilstead, manufactured primarily in our plant at Altham with support when required from the Kirkcaldy factory, and installed by our qualified team, this was our single biggest one-off contract in 2009/10 which we can proudly declare to have been completed on time, installed accident free and been complimented on as a great success by our customer.

The 4 main tanks are 40m. in diameter, and are the biggest circular tanks in the UK to be fitted with glassfibre odour containment covers.

Utilising a Beam+Infill system pioneered and perfected over the decades by our water sector experts at Armfibre, the challenge was not so much a technical one but rather timeframe, product scale and delivery logistics. The Beams were single piece and up to 20m. in length, 16 required for each tank and then 116 standard infill panels and 36 'specials' required to complete each Cover. All told, it needed 25 'trombone' truck loads to make the journey across Lancashire, most of them in the evening to minimise traffic disruption.

With our modern manufacturing plants located around the country, comprehensive experience in the sector, and unmatched financial stability in the industry, Production Glassfibre is uniquely qualified for projects of this scale and complexity.



MOTORSPORT SUCCESS FOR PGF!!! on the track AND on the factory floor



Podiums at Oulton Park and Silverstone for the Production Glassfibre Porsche may be exciting, but getting the body-work for 24 Ginetta G40's ready for the start of the season was a bigger challenge! The new series for junior drivers supports the British Touring Car Championship, and these young stars of today and tomorrow can be seen live on ITV4, 10 Sundays through the year- spectacular and well worth tuning in for!!!



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