

MAS SUPPORT HELPS LINCOLNSHIRE MANUFACTURER BEAT OFF NATIONAL COMPETITION

A Grantham firm whose business performance has been boosted by help from the Manufacturing Advisory Service in East Midlands (MAS EM) has been victorious at last Thursday's [29 June] Manufacturing Excellence (MX) Awards.

BGB Innovation scooped the award for People Effectiveness at the black tie event in London, described by the DTI Minister of State of Industry and the Regions, Margaret Hodge MP, as "The most prestigious event in the manufacturing calendar."

The family-owned business specialises in slip rings which provide electrical power and signal electro-mechanical power transmission technology for a range of markets and underwater lighting and camera systems – everything from wind turbines and leisure rides to fish farming and motor yachts.

BGB's managing director David T Holt said: "We are delighted to win this prestigious award. The award encapsulates all the hard work and commitment of everybody at BGB and is testament to the support we've received from organisations such as MAS."

"We have a culture at BGB where our people are empowered to make decisions and all 53 of our staff, from the Commercial and Design Departments through to the Production Teams, are involved in helping to improve our business. This award gives us a benchmark of excellence and will definitely be a competitive edge as we continue to win business worldwide."

MAS EM, which was set up by the DTI and East Midlands Development Agency four years ago, is one of the Awards' chief sponsors. The service provides straightforward advice and practical support for SMEs to help them improve their business competitiveness. MAS East Midlands worked with BGB to help to develop various hi-tech products, particularly in the data transmission and CCTV fields. These products have helped to BGB to a new world class level.

Peter McLeod, the East Midlands MAS practitioner who has been advising BGB said: "We were very keen that companies which had received our help entered because the MX Awards are so closely aligned with what we are all about: sharing best practice to deliver even greater success to regional businesses and ensuring the long-term sustainability of East Midlands manufacturers so they can continue to successfully compete in world markets."

"We're really delighted to see BGB getting this high profile recognition for its innovative and progressive approach to manufacturing. And it's obviously very gratifying to know that our help has contributed to the firm's success."

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Notes for Editors

Manufacturing Advisory Service East Midlands (MAS EM) - offers practical hands-on support to small and medium sized manufacturers across the East Midlands. Its free or subsidised services help companies to improve their performance in an increasingly competitive global economy.

MAS EM was launched by the Government in 2002 in conjunction with East Midlands Development Agency. For more information log onto www.mas-em.org.uk

To find out how MAS EM can help your business, telephone 01664 501301 or email rcme@pera.com

BGB Innovation - is divided into three industry brands; BGB Engineering, BGB Marine and BGB Digilinc. See www.bgbinnovation.com for further details or call David T Holt on 01476 576280.

Manufacturing Excellence Awards – Organised annually by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the MX Awards are backed by numerous influential organisations including the DTI's Manufacturing Advisory Service - which has assisted a number of the finalists, including BGB Engineering. The MX Awards are designed to promote best practice among UK manufacturers and all entrants receive a free comprehensive benchmark report. They are generally considered to be the toughest industry awards in which to succeed with the rigorous judging process involving self-assessment audits, company visits from a team of MX assessors and presentations to a panel of industry experts, chaired by Professor Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya KB CBE of the Warwick Manufacturing Group for more

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John Pullin (Editor) PE Magazine

David T Holt – BGB Engineering Managing Director holding the trophy

James Tupper – BGB Engineering Marketing & IT Systems Deputy

William Hague