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HAMPSON INDUSTRIES ESTABLISHES STATE-OF-THE-ART MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN BANGALORE

Hampson Industries PLC (“Hampson” or “the Group”), the UK-headquartered international aerospace and precision engineering group, is pleased to announce the forthcoming opening and inauguration of its new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Bangalore, India. The opening ceremony will take place on 16 November and will be attended by Mr Mike Connor, British Deputy High Commissioner, South India.

The new 50,000 sq ft facility marks Hampson’s first investment in India and its first outside the UK and USA. With operations now spanning three continents, Hampson’s business philosophy combines extensive investment in process capability with the development of innovative bespoke manufacturing and supply chain technologies. The Group’s principal focus is to create global competitive advantage for its customers and the new facility in Bangalore is a key element in executing this strategy.

Hampson has invested \$6m in the new facility and expects to employ approximately 180 people there once full capacity of the first phase of investment is reached. The new facility has been designed to allow for modular expansion to a total of four 50,000 sq ft manufacturing units. In the second phase of development, Hampson will further extend its India-based manufacturing capabilities to produce precision engineered components, structures and assemblies for the Group’s global aerospace customers. Subsequent phases will be activated to increase manufacturing capacity in the medium term in step with growth in customer demand.

Hampson’s Bangalore facilities will complement the Group’s existing manufacturing capacity in the UK and USA and no job losses are expected to occur as a result of this new investment.

Commenting on the importance of the new facility, Hampson’s Chief Executive, Kim Ward, said:

“We are confident that this new facility will be a showcase for our manufacturing and engineering expertise as well as demonstrating our long-term commitment to providing value to our customers. The new facility provides us with a competitive cost base and a strategic manufacturing location in its own right, giving us a good base from which to capitalise on attractive growth opportunities in the domestic Indian and Far East markets.

“The first phase of this investment will see the manufacture of high precision, close tolerance components for automotive customers, primarily for turbocharger applications. Hampson is already a world leader in this field. The combination of world-class technical support from our existing UK operations with the innovative ideas and engineering flair of our Indian associates will give us the competitive edge to continue to create value for our customers.”

Roger Mackrill, President of Hampson’s Precision Automotive Division responsible for this first phase of this investment, commented:

“Currently only 600,000 vehicles are fitted with turbochargers in India; this number is expected to treble by 2010, according to market projections. All of our major customers have set up operations in Asia. Bangalore gives us the flexibility to partner these customers at a local level. With this new facility, we aim to set new standards in manufacturing quality, cost and delivery to support our customers as they expand into global markets.”

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Notes to Editors :

Hampson Industries PLC is listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. The Group's operations are structured into four segments, operating from 15 manufacturing sites and facilities spanning three continents. Through this global footprint, the Group provides leading-edge fully integrated manufacturing solutions for:

- Aero structural components and assemblies
- Performance-critical components for gas turbine engines
- Close tolerance components & rotating assemblies for turbochargers, fuel delivery & hydraulic applications
- Precision tooling systems for large, composite aero structures
- Specialist engineering & industrial components

Approximately two-thirds of the Group's sales are derived from its aerospace activities, the balance from the specialist automotive and industrial markets.

Hampson has a clear growth strategy based on both organic and external investment. Over the last two years, the group has completed three acquisitions in the USA (Texstars Inc, Coast Composites Inc, Lamsco West Inc.) as well as invested \$20m in a new purpose-built aerospace assembly and high speed machining cell to support the revolutionary new Eclipse 500 Very Light Jet programme, to which it is one of the major supply partners (www.eclipseaviation.com).

Investment in the new facility in Bangalore is a core element of the Group's growth strategy and marks Hampson's commitment to developing a centre of manufacturing expertise in the Asian continent.

The Hampson group employs over 1,600 people worldwide.

For more information on the Hampson Group go to: www.hampsongroup.com