

Photo: A gearbox being repaired by Lamond & Murray DEXIS.

Scottish Precision Gear Manufacturer Opens Northern Rotating Equipment Repair Centre

One of the country's leading precision gear manufacturers has capital investment plans of £1.5M over the next 18 months, creating new jobs by moving to a brand new, dedicated Rotating Equipment Repair and Refurbishment Service Centre in Scotland.

Lamond & Murray DEXIS has opened the new 7,000 square feet facility at Unit 15, Belleknowes Industrial Estate, Inverkeithing, Fife, just half a mile from the company's headquarters at Burnside which will continue to manufacture loose gears.

Situated close to the M90 and the city of Edinburgh, the company's Northern Service Centre enjoys great transportation links to UK motorway network.

Having outgrown its previous space at HQ, the service centre is keen to expand its offering to customers across Scotland and Northern England. In addition to gearbox overhaul, it plans to offer full electromechanical services with pump repairs in by the end of 2025, followed by electric motor rewinds and repairs in 2026.

The new facility will allow Lamond and Murray DEXIS to grow its already well established and respected gearbox overhaul service offering, whilst supplementing the gearbox services provided by HAYLEY 247 DEXIS facilities in Dudley and King's Lynn.

The significant additional workshop space will enable the initial recruitment of a further 3 electromechanical fitters in addition to the dedicated service centre manager recruited at the end of 2024. The company currently has a workforce of 35, including three engineering apprentices who are key to future plans.

Gearbox overhaul services currently account for about 20% of the company's business at Inverkeithing but Managing Director Thomas Lapsley is expecting this percentage to grow this year with the support of the HAYLEY DEXIS branch network.

Lamond and Murray DEXIS exports to the USA, Canada and the Middle East and is reporting growing orders from original equipment manufacturers in the UK.

The company's unique selling point is its ability to offer a one-stop-shop service. In addition to servicing, repairing and overhauling gearboxes, the company designs, reverse engineers and manufactures loose gears.

"Not only do we overhaul and repair gearboxes, but we also manufacture, assemble and build from scratch special purpose gearboxes.

"Our main focus is to support the HAYLEY DEXIS branch network in Northern England and Scotland where we see plenty of potential opportunity for growth," explained Thomas.

Founded in 1921 to manufacture machinery for the mining industry, the company has customers in the oil and gas, food and beverage, mining and quarrying, rubber and plastics, paper and steel industries.

Already sub-contracting to businesses supplying the defence and nuclear sectors, Lamond & Murray DEXIS is looking to extend its expertise to the renewable, wind turbine sector during 2025.

Supplying machine cut gears up to 2.5 metres in diameter and ground gears up to 1.48 metres in diameter, the company has continually invested in plant and state of the art CNC gear cutting and grinding machinery. Spur, helical, double helical and bevel gears, scroll shafts, gear couplings and splines are all part of the company's product offering.

Work is undertaken on a 'complete supply' or a 'gear-cutting-only' basis, with the flexibility to provide an excellent break-down service, utilising extensive steel stocks.

In June 2019, Lamond and Murray was acquired by international group Descours et Cabaud. Its name was updated to Lamond & Murray DEXIS in the last year to align closer to the industrial arm of Descours & Cabaud, DEXIS.

Being linked to the HAYLEY DEXIS branch network across the UK raises the company's profile and generates sales leads.

As part of this network, Lamond & Murray DEXIS can service, repair and monitor gearboxes up to 10 Tonnes which are fully stripped, inspected and subjected to a comprehensive report. Full rebuild reports and test documentation are supplied as standard.

The company retains the Lamond family link through Sales Director Iain and Company Director Alastair. Coming from a semi-conductor engineering background, Thomas joined the company 12 years ago, after initially making contact whilst working as a consultant for Scottish Enterprise.

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