

Rettig creates Business Unit “Controls”

On 1st April 2004, Myson Heating Controls (MHC) and Markaryds Metallarmatur (MMA) came together to form the new Business Unit, Controls. The main driver for this move is the need to harness joint opportunities within product development and export sales.

Dan Ståhl, Managing Director of MMA, has been appointed as Head of the new Business Unit and will also assume the position of Managing Director for MHC.

Ian Huxtable, Sales and Marketing Director, becomes Brand Manager for MHC whilst Ola Manestam, Sales and Marketing Director at MMA, becomes Brand Manager for MMA Brand. Ola Manestam will handle all export sales outside the UK, Irish and Nordic markets.

All Research and Development will be brought under the responsibility of Leif Carlsson and John Moloney has taken the position of BU Financial Controller. Lars Nilsson is appointed Site Manager at Markaryd, and Donal O’Grady will become Site Manager at Newcastle West. Both Lars and Donal will have full responsibility for their local manufacturing sites.

Sean Hanratty, who has successfully served MHC for the past 28 years, retired in March 2004. Under Sean’s leadership MHC successfully developed into one of the key suppliers of Controls in both the UK and Irish markets, based upon the successful introduction of innovative products like the 2-Way Valve and the PPV.

The decision has an impact on the executive and operational running of the two businesses but no effect on the legal entities themselves.

“This is not a structural or rationalisation-oriented project. By combining the two companies in one Business Unit, we achieve a greater critical mass and strength to capture opportunities in markets where we are not present today”, added Dan Stahl

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Myson Heating Controls was established in 1969 in Newcastle West, Co Limerick, Ireland and is today the market leader in Ireland. The company has about 100 employees and supplies the UK, Irish & European markets with thermostatic radiator valves and accessories for domestic hydronic heating systems. Recent innovations have been the launch of a range of electronic controls and the Plastic Pipe Valve, (PPV) which has enjoyed real success in reducing installation times in new build housing.

AB Markaryds Metallarmatur is based in Markaryd in Southern Sweden. Established in the 1950s the company has 120 employees who develop, manufacture and market a complete range of radiator fittings, heating and cooling valves. Through its unique knowledge of thermostatic wax sensors MMA has become the market leader in Sweden and a growing force in adjacent Nordic markets. More recently, MMA has developed a new revenue stream with the acquisition of the Balancing Valves operation from Esbe in Sweden.