

Treforest Glass expands with Welsh Government support creating and securing 25 jobs

Treforest Glass, which currently employs more than 40 people, is moving to a 52,745 sq ft factory on a 2.3acre site in Tonyrefail which is significantly larger than its current base on Pontypridd's Upper Boat Business Park.

The £1.3m investment, which includes the purchase and fit of the premises and new equipment, is supported by £80,000 from the Welsh Government's Growth & Prosperity Fund, a non-repayable grant fund to support Welsh SMEs to grow and increase employment. It will create ten new jobs and safeguard a further 15.

The business was started in 1986 to offer glazing services to clients across South Wales but was acquired by the present owners in 2006.

Following the recession of 2010 when a number of glazing companies went out of business they began targeting more opportunities to produce manufactured sealed glass units for specialised niche markets. The company has grown considerably since and now produce high specification acoustic units used by hotels to help with sound proofing and units for listed buildings and restoration projects.

Manufacturing now accounts for more than 80% of turnover with customers throughout the UK.

The company has now reached full capacity at its current base and needed larger premises with height to accommodate an overhead crane. This will enable it to supply larger units and improve manufacturing productivity making it more competitive and cost effective.

Economy Secretary Ken Skates said:

"Treforest Glass has found a niche market in what is a highly competitive industry and this significant investment will enable the company to expand, target new markets and create jobs.

"The Growth & Prosperity Fund forms part of the Business Confidence Plan announced after the Brexit vote to ensure business in Wales had access to funding to enable them to grow and create jobs and I am pleased it is doing just that."

Peter Zehetmayr from Treforest Glass said:

"We have continually developed and produced new products in line with current market trends which has helped drive business growth.

To maintain that competitive edge it was essential to move into larger premises which will open up new opportunities and enable us to meet the growing demand for our specialist products.

“Support from the Welsh Government meant we are able to do this sooner rather than later and I look forward to be able to offer job and training opportunities for young people in the area.”