

Leeds Manufacturing

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'Monster' Loch Ness Contract for Leeds Power Firm



A Leeds based electrical engineering firm has completed a six-figure contract to supply and install transformers and switchgear for a Loch Ness hydro electric station water tunnel.

Power Engineering Services, which recently relocated from Barnsley to larger 20,000 sq ft premises in Horsforth, delivered the six-figure contract in a three week turn round to meet the emergency demands of the customer. This is the latest of several major power industry installations completed by the £1.3m turnover firm this year.

The company is growing on the strength of being one of only a handful in the UK that can supply refurbished transformers and switchgear that provide environmental and cost benefits over alternative suppliers.

“We are gaining wider and wider recognition for our specialist skills, and the Loch Ness project was one of the largest and most challenging we have completed, due to the specialist design of the equipment, and time scales required imposed to have the sub stations installed into the tunnel under the loch. We are hopeful that we will be able to win more such contracts on the back of it, as the solution was so environmentally positive, but still much better value than a brand new installation,” said Mark Wray, managing director of Power Engineering Services.



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Launched in 2000, the firm specialises in supplying high voltage switchgear and transformers, offering 'turnkey' installations and service support and maintenance contracts, and has seen steady growth over the past decade. The business was bought by husband and wife team Mark and Elaine Wray in an MBO in April this year.

Concentrating on quality refurbished and guaranteed equipment has paid dividends and Power Engineering Services now has built a list of blue chip clients in England and Northern Ireland, ranging from Bam Nuttall Construction and Harland & Wolfe, Belfast, to the leading supermarket chains, regional power supply companies and major electrical contractors.

"We provide a full design, build, delivery and installation service and our ability to refurbish equipment is in particular demand in the current economic and environmental landscape. We now are a preferred supplier to many major organisations and ninety per cent of sales are repeat business."

"The move to Leeds represents an investment of £350,000, with a further £30,000 earmarked for a new overhead crane system," says Mark. "From 7,000 sq ft in South Yorkshire we now have 20,000 and modern offices in a major manufacturing city."

Other recent projects have included two sub stations for a Scottish airport project for power equipment for an Ulster University campus project.

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Photography: Powering ahead: Mark and Elaine Wray with some of the electrical switchgear ready to be refurbished at Power Engineering Services factory in Horsforth

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