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Laird Set For Growth with Opening of New Automation Controls Plant in Warren, OH

Jobs Ohio Representative Calls New Plant a Major Regional Asset

WARREN, Ohio, October 30, 2014 – Creating more room to grow its business and employment base throughout the region, global technology leader [Laird](#) (LRD: London) opened its new manufacturing plant in Warren today.

The new plant has more than 80,000 square feet, and will use the latest manufacturing technology to produce a full line of cost-effective, reliable and robust wireless communication and remote control products. The facility also includes research and development and after-market customer support with more space for future growth.

The plant was opened after a festive ceremony led by Laird Chief Executive Officer David Lockwood OBE and JobsOhio Managing Director Kristi Tanner, and was attended by state, county and local officials as well as company employees.

“The men and women in this plant help improve safety in some of the most dangerous working environments today,” said Laird Chief Executive Officer David Lockwood OBE, referring to major mining and construction operations, railroad and shipyards, and other industrial locations. “Aside from the safety benefits, our wireless controls increase efficiency in the field.”

With more than 65 years of experience in radio frequency products, Laird, is the largest global manufacturer of industrial radio remote control products for heavy equipment and vehicles used in the mining, rail and industrial markets.

It’s safety control and industrial automation products range from joystick and toggle controls to collision avoidance systems, and communication products that are ideal for locomotives, railcar movers, ship loaders, overhead bridge cranes, mining and a variety of material handling and mobile equipment.

The plant employs 160 people from throughout the region, most of who have transferred from an older, 32,000 sq. ft. plant in Sharpsville, PA.

Kristi Tanner, who also took part in the opening ceremony, saluted Laird's decision to locate in Ohio. "Laird is an excellent employer and a major asset in the region," Tanner told the audience. "The company is a great corporate citizen and employer of high tech jobs. We're incredibly happy Warren was selected as the base to further grow Laird's wireless automation controls business."

In addition to the new Warren plant, Laird also operates several facilities in the region including a manufacturing site in Cleveland, and design/engineering, research and development, and sales offices in Cleveland and Akron.

The new plant in Warren is among 50 Laird facilities worldwide, where it employs 9,000 people across the United States, Europe and Asia.

Laird designs and manufactures components and solutions which protect electronics and enable connectivity. The company is a key partner to some of the most recognized brands in industries such as automotive, consumer electronics, telecom, IT, military, transportation, and health care.

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