

Open day a success for Guttridge

Lincolnshire-based manufacturer Guttridge welcomed 200 customers and suppliers to its factory open day on 17th November 2005.

The company, who manufacture conveyors, elevators, bulk bag dischargers and other bulk materials handling equipment, held the open day at its modern Spalding factory. Visitors had a chance to tour the site and talk to Guttridge engineers about a number of new product developments.

Exhibition areas were set up throughout the factory, with a number of products being demonstrated. One that generated a great deal of interest in particular was the new technology Virolat high performance sieve separator, for which Guttridge is the sole UK distributor.

The Virolat sieve was also the subject of one of a number of seminars held throughout the day. The others included a presentation on the ATEX DSEAR regulations from Ian Harrison of Baseefa. His seminar updated the audience on the new obligations for users of materials handling equipment that come into force in July 2006.

Guttridge's Laserfab sheet metal fabrication division was also involved in the open day, putting on demonstrations of laser cutting, welding and painting processes. The laser machines were used to make stainless steel self-build model biplanes for visitors. Two larger models were also made and raffled to raise £180 for Children in Need.

Managing director Peter Guttridge, who gave two presentations covering bulk handling, says: "*The open day was a huge success and it was a pleasure to talk to so many interested clients, as well as to give something useful back with our seminar programme. The success of the open day demonstrates the strong interest in our product range from across the UK. We are enjoying record growth and are recruiting locally to help us meet the increasing demand from customers.*"



Alan Thompson of Guttridge congratulates Martin Briscombe of Moy Park on winning a laser cut model biplane in a raffle for Children in Need.

Seminar Programme

- ATEX from a machinery user's perspective
- Cereals Handling with Conveyors & Elevators
- High performance sieve separating systems
- Specifying Conveyors & Elevators

Equipment on display all day

- Bucket elevators
- Bulk bag dischargers
- Slide Valves & Fittings
- Screw conveyors & dischargers
- Chain conveyors & Belt conveyors
- Conveyors for Foods & Chemicals

Sheetmetal work demonstration all day

- Laser cutting & Pressing
- Welding & Fabrication
- Painting & Assembly