

Norman Hay plc

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Acquisition of Advanced Surface Treatments Limited and ASTEC Technologies (Dalian) Co Limited.

Surface Technology plc, a subsidiary of Norman Hay plc, today announces the acquisition of the business and assets of Coventry-based Advanced Surface Treatments Limited (AST) and its subsidiary ASTEC Technologies (Dalian) Co Limited in China.

Coventry based AST provides a high standard of surface finishing, predominately Zinc Alloy Plating, for a comprehensive range of products associated with the automotive industry.

ASTEC operates and manages an in-house zinc plating operation for a major, multi-national automotive supplier in china.

Victor Bellanti, Chief Executive of Norman Hay plc commented:

'This acquisition is part of our ongoing strategy to consolidate our UK operations whilst building our international business.'

'AST will provide the opportunity for us to move our UK zinc plating business on to one site, with modern fully automated process lines incorporating the latest computerized control technology.'

'In addition, the operation in China will provide us with an established base to continue our strategy of adding surface finishing products and companies to our international centres of excellence.'

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NORMAN HAY – is the UK's number one surface coatings company and a world leader in the supply of sealant chemistry for the automotive industry and specialist chemicals for the construction industry.

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