



Minister Micheal Martin & Fergal Broder MD unveil the plaque at the new headquarters

Lotus Automation New Corporate Headquarters Officially Opened By Minister Michéal Martin

Mr. Micheál Martin, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment has officially opened the new corporate headquarters of Lotus Automation (Ireland) Ltd, located at Marino House, Finisklin Business Park, Sligo on Thursday March 31st.

This new 10,000 sq ft premises is representative of the success and development of the indigenous Irish company over the past 16 years. Speaking at the company Headquarters in Sligo, Minister Martin said, "I would like to congratulate Fergal Broder and his team at Lotus Automation on the rapid development of this company from employing 3 employees in 1989 to in excess of 160 today. Lotus Automation is a model example of how a company can grow from a start-up with a small client base to a multinational in its own right. Enterprise Ireland supported the company throughout that process. The growth of new start-up, exporting companies and building the scale of existing companies is a key element of Enterprise Ireland's regional development strategy. The establishment of this magnificent new facility here in Sligo clearly demonstrates the contribution that Irish owned companies can make to the overall growth of our economy and the North West in particular".

The new Corporate Headquarters of Lotus Automation is modern and spacious and an excellent facility for the company's product sales & marketing, quality, consultancy, training, finance and health & safety departments and personnel. The company's original manufacturing and administrative premises located nearby is now used to assemble control panels and systems, machine manufacture and for the calibration of industrial instruments for customers locally and nationally.

Welcoming the Minister to the new premises Fergal Broder MD stated "We are delighted the Minister has joined us on this occasion, it is a special day for Lotus Automation and I would like to take the opportunity to recognise and thank management and staff here for their efforts and contribution to the development of the company".

"The relocation to larger administrative premises has become necessary for the company due to steady growth and successful business performance over the past five years in particular" comments Fergal Broder Managing Director. "Our growing service and product offering, the expansion of our client base and the recruitment of additional staff has led to this move, it is important that we have a premises which would accommodate the accelerated expansion of the business and our future requirements".

The move to the new corporate headquarters "Marino House" spearheads a number of significant developments in the company's growth. The increasingly competitive manufacturing environment that is the company's marketplace leads Lotus Automation into a continuous state of change and development to offer products and services which will enhance competitiveness. The establishment of the Asset Management Consulting division Lotus AMC last year has developed the company from Engineering support service provider to consultancy. Lotus Automation has won significant contracts and increased the workforce by 30% during the past year and also late last year established a Cork office.

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