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Plymouth engineering firm announces huge expansion plans

Plymouth based Applied Automation (UK) Limited has unveiled plans to expand its workforce and move to a new home that is more than double the size of its existing site.

The company has purchased the former St Ives factory on Langage Industrial Estate in Plympton. It is 140,000 square feet compared with the 60,000 square feet of the two current factories.

Managing Director David Rowe said: “We have significantly outgrown the current site. Our Engineering Solutions division that manufactures bespoke, automated machines and Industrial Systems division that provides factories with everything from work benches to conveyors both desperately need more space. The old St Ives factory is ideal. It’s just across the road from where we are now, which is convenient, and we did want to stay in the Plymouth area.

“It will enable us to bring together the Plymouth teams that are currently split over two separate sites and we’ll have room to accommodate our future growth plans including the recruitment of 15 more employees over the next few years. There is quite a bit of prep work required as the factory has been out of operation for some time, so we’ll get it ready then begin the move for our staff.”

Applied Automation has secured a grant from the Plymouth and South West Peninsula City Deal GAIN Growth Fund+ Programme, through the government’s Regional Growth Fund initiative. The funding will help support future expansion plans.

The 40,000 square feet factory owned by Applied Automation on Beechwood Way is up for sale. This announcement comes as the latest sales figures of £13.4 million for 2013/14 show a £2.8 million increase from 2012/13.

Mr Rowe added: “This is a really exciting time for us. We’re doing really well and I’m delighted we’re able to take this significant step in our growth plans.”

Applied Automation was recently listed as number 36 in the Fast Growth 75 list that celebrates the top fastest growing companies in the westcountry.