

## Press release

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### Grand opening for X-STK Cardiff headquarters

X-STK|Applied Automation has officially opened its new Cardiff headquarters.

To mark the occasion and celebrate its 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of growth, engineering product specialists X-STK hosted an exhibition with partners including SMC Pneumatics and Omron.

Customers and suppliers from across the country joined in the festivities at Ocean Park. Steve Bangs, Managing Director of SMC and Omron Distribution Manager Dave Hanlon joined X-STK Managing Director David Rowe to cut the ribbon and officially declare the headquarters open for business.

X-STK specialises in the technical distribution of control and automation products, offering next day delivery on a huge range of stock and applications trials and training. It had outgrown its previous premises and desperately needed more warehouse space. The new office and warehouse building is more than five times larger. It also has a central plaza area that will be used for permanent product displays.

David Rowe, Managing Director said: "I'm delighted we are able to officially open our new headquarters and celebrate the success of X-STK with our customers and suppliers. The building is 15,000 square feet which gives us much more space for warehousing products and over the last ten months we've also recruited two more sales engineers to the team.

"X-STK has seen a 23 per cent increase in sales in the last year and this new building gives us scope to continue that upward trend."

The distribution headquarters in Cardiff serves south Wales, the M4 corridor to the south coast and the south west. X-STK is a division of Devon based Applied Automation (UK) Ltd

Mr Rowe added: "2015 is going to be a busy year for us. We are currently also looking for office premises near Southampton as we expand our business in that area."