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### Quickgrind rethinks tool management

**If you think tool costs are the least of your problems, and believe there is little to be gained by switching suppliers, Quickgrind has some news that will make you think again.**

The internationally renowned carbide cutting tool manufacturer has chosen Southern Manufacturing 2015 as the stage to present its novel vending solution under a new name: the **Quickgrind Tool Management System**. As visitors will discover, this system is offering tool users a unique, low-risk strategy that substantially reduces costs for businesses while avoiding headaches for managers.

**Managing Director Ross Howell** explains: "Quickgrind is about much more than making and selling tools. It's about innovative thinking which creates tooling solutions. We call it 'total solution engineering'. The Quickgrind Tool Management System is a risk-free way of cutting costs and increasing productivity while assuring quality."

Operating successfully for a number of customers both in the UK and overseas, the intelligent Tool Management System is based on secure, convenient, point-of-use vending machines which hold and dispense stocks – managed by Quickgrind – of every tool needed by the business.

The first key advantage of this system is that the right tool is always available, immediately, so jobs are never held up by time-consuming tool searches, visits to a manned store or, worse still, emergency reordering. The second is that there is no need to tie up company cash in tool stocks or to carry out the related – and often frustrating – forecasting, auditing and managing.

The dispensing machine contains intelligent software that monitors and reports on who is using what tools, and in what numbers. Each type of tool is always replenished ahead of being required and you don't pay for any tool until it is used. The tool prices are very competitive too and are the same as you would pay if ordering from Quickgrind conventionally.

Ross adds, "The Quickgrind team will be also be talking to potential customers about the high-quality remanufacturing process which has been in the news recently as a result of helping businesses improve their performance by halving tooling costs – without compromising on quality."

**If you want to learn more about how Quickgrind's Tool Management System can help save your business money you can find Quickgrind at Southern Manufacturing 2015, Stand R110.**

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### **About Quickgrind**

Quickgrind is an internationally renowned carbide cutting tool manufacturer whose unique approach and innovations make customer processes quicker, more convenient and more profitable.

Our 'total solution engineering' approach matches customer requirements with the ideal tool. In addition, sophisticated computer software and processing technologies maximise the speed and cost-effectiveness of design, manufacturing and administration, resulting in improved business performance.

Delivered by a highly trained and motivated workforce, Quickgrind products and services reflect the very best in British engineering heritage, quality and innovation. They include:

- Immediate delivery of high-quality off-the-shelf tools
- Advice on tool selection and handling to increase efficiency
- Design and delivery of tailor-made tools with the market's shortest lead time
- Point-of-use tool vending for added security and productivity
- Remanufacturing of tools to 'as new' standard – up to seven times

Quickgrind has gained an international reputation for these solutions, which are exported worldwide to customers using mould and die and aluminium extrusion in sectors including: Formula One, aerospace, automotive and general engineering. Thanks to a programme of continuous improvement, staff development and investment in machinery and technological breakthroughs, our innovation never stops.

### **Engineering in the blood**

Quickgrind has been at the forefront of tool design and manufacture for almost 50 years. Its founder, Eddie Howell, saw a pressing industry need for shorter lead times for specialised tool production. His company made steady improvements, in line with the technology of the time. In the years since his son Ross came on board, further technological advances have helped Quickgrind take massive strides forward in innovating the cutting tool manufacturing industry.

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