

VCI Increase Capacity with New High Performance Holzma HKL Angle Plant

VCI have updated their equipment with the purchase of a Holzma HKL 11 Angle Plant, which replaces the company's Giben 17a that has successfully been producing quality panels for over 20 years.

The new generation saw comes complete with a user-friendly CADmatic-control system to enable performance assessments to be undertaken and adjustments to be made, helping increase performance and productivity. It also features the newly developed 'central side pressure device' which further increases the throughput of the machine.

"The introduction of the HKL 11 Angle Plant is a further investment at VCI, designed to increase manufacturing flexibility so that we can better meet customer demands. The saw allows us to increase our capacity, improving cutting accuracy without compromising on quality," said VCI Director Pauline Vernon.

To maximise the efficiency of the Angle Plant, VCI also purchased the Magi-Cut optimisation software which transfers data directly from the Operations department to the saw, enabling VCI to reduce downtime whilst retaining quality and high production performance.

The new saw, supplied by leading machinery manufacturers Homag, comes complete with a 125mm saw blade projection, 4330mm cutting length rip saw and automatic turning device for head cuts.



VC Industries Achieve Tidy Business Award

VC Industries have further enhanced their commitment to waste management with the recognition of a silver 'Tidy Business Award'.

The Tidy Business Award scheme encourages businesses to meet their statutory obligations and improve their waste management practices, benefiting from an ongoing programme of advice, training and monitoring from a fully trained project officer.

Chris Galloway, who has led VCI's waste reduction initiative, commented: "Receiving this award has further enhanced VCI's commitment to the environment and the impact we as a company are having on it. We already have in place strategies and schemes to allow us to reduce our waste output, and the receipt of this award is a wonderful recognition of our achievements to date."

To achieve the silver status award, VCI had to meet a number of requirements including implementing opportunities to reduce, reuse or recycle waste and training staff in good waste practices.

VCI's commitment to the environment and waste minimisation is making them a more progressively aware environmental company and their recent award is further recognition of the excellent waste practices that they have put into place.



VCI Key Facts & Figures

- 58,000 sq ft manufacturing facility in Leeds.
- £2m + of specialist machinery.
- Holzma HKL Angle Plant, Selco CNC & Mazza Beam Saw - giving flexibility, volume and panel mix.
- Four double and one single sided IMA edgebanders producing quality edged panels.
- Three Biesse Techno drilling machines for high volume panel throughput.
- Four Biesse 'point to point' machining centres with routing capability.
- Biesse Skipper for small size panels and added drill flexibility.
- A range of Ancillary machines complement the main machining facility to provide cross-cutting, grooving, contour edging and notching.

VCI provide a flexible manufacturing capability to handle a wide range of projects with an ethos of 'right first time, every time' - combined with a team of multi-skilled operatives and a staff development programme encouraging responsibility at all levels.

Quality Maintained at Leeds Panel Producers

VC Industries Ltd continue to prove that quality is a strong company ethos with the successful re-assessment of ISO 9001:2000 - with no non-conformances, at their Leeds manufacturing base - for the fourth time!

Conforming to the ISO standard states that VCI must ensure the structure of internal systems and processes are designed to meet customers' quality requirements, and in addition ensure the company strives to continually improve their performance in these areas.

Director Pauline Vernon stated: "Due to the continued efforts of all members of the company, we have once again received ISO 9001:2000 accreditation and have been recognised for our commitment to quality. It is especially beneficial for a company like ours as you have to map your internal processes. This in turn is continually improving the quality of product and service for our customers."

Through the use of a Corrective Action Request (CAR) system, VCI are able to address non-conformances in their processes and drive a continuous improvement strategy forward. For 2008, VCI will be looking at a number of peripheral points and addressing infrastructure issues.



VCI launch new kitchen carcass range

VC Industries have expanded their offering to the market with the introduction of an 18mm kitchen carcass range, offered in beech and white and available as flat packed, self assembly units.

VCI's new kitchen range was created in response to a gap in the market identified by customers who were subjected to extended lead times and incomplete deliveries from imports. "We are able to offer our customers a choice of units that are available in realistic quantities. In addition to the standard range we can supply units to agreed parameters with customer defined décor options," stated VCI Director Robin Cliff.

All units are produced to VCI's exacting quality standards and are supplied with assembly instructions and all fittings inclusive of clip-on hinges with an available soft close option. Each base unit includes fully adjustable legs for ease of alignment with carcass packaging supplied as plain boxes, fully labelled.

Robin Cliff concluded: "Our new range adds another dimension to VCI and reflects our recognition of the market's ever changing needs and demands."



VCI obtain 1 year FSC renewal

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