

ARKOTE

A photograph of a modern, two-story commercial building with a blue and white facade. The building features large glass windows and a glass entrance canopy. The word "ARKOTE" is displayed in a blue diamond-shaped logo on the upper blue section of the building. The sky is clear and blue.

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Arkote announce new premises

Arkote, which has been one of the leading suppliers of knives to the tobacco industry worldwide for over 100 years, have relocated to a new purpose-built factory to facilitate strategic expansion and improve production.

Peter Skinner, Managing Director at Arkote, commented: "Sheffield has a great tradition of industry and in particular has built its quality reputation on its knife and steel industries. Arkote is proud to be linked with such a long standing and honourable industry. We continue to develop and improve our production methods, systems and market coverage and last, but by no means least, our dedication to quality and customer service. This new facility is a large step towards achieving these improvements."

Where the old building covered several floors, the new building will only cover one floor providing obvious production efficiency benefits. The modern, clean and bright work environment will also be much improved for the work force dispelling any preconceptions of an old-fashioned manufacturing work environment and providing a better image to visitors from across the world.

Importantly, Peter Skinner notes: "Our new, efficient, workable layout will save us time and money - which will become ever more important given today's economic environment."

With its roots in the 19th century, Arkote is still thriving in the 21st century. The company is a world leader in its niche market and exports up to 90% of its products to 90 countries all over the world.

The new facility is in the vicinity of the Advanced Manufacturing Park further leveraging the value of Sheffield's Advanced Manufacturing and Materials sector and the official opening took place on Friday 7th November. Key stakeholders and business contacts were invited and. Arkote's Chairman Lee Bassett and family also travelled from America to join the celebrations.