

One of Europe's largest steel producers is benefitting from the lighting knowledge of A.J. Hurst...

Corus' shining light

Corus is a customer-focused, innovative value-driven company which manufactures, processes and distributes steel products and services to customers worldwide.

This contract, which involved the upgrading of lighting at four main buildings within the company's Lisburn plant, was won in competition against a number of pre-selected lighting specialists.



“That’s particularly pleasing considering that Corus is Europe’s second largest steel producer and a major player in the UK,” explained Sean O’Kane, Director at A J Hurst. “With innovation and continuous improvement at the heart of its business performance, Corus knew exactly what they wanted from the lighting upgrade and actually specified the lux levels required for the job.”

The four buildings in which the new lighting has been installed are the Strip building, the Regional building, the Shot-Blast building and the E-bay building.

The company had been using 400watt metal halide lamps in all of these buildings and the solution was to replace them with a mixture of T5 240watt and 320watt lamps from Dexeco, fitted with integral daylight saving and movement detection sensors. A total of 273 new fittings have been installed against the original 285.

A J Hurst appointed the contractor for the job – Axon Controls.

“We had to be particularly flexible with regards to the installation work on this job as the operational procedures being carried out at the plant on a daily basis meant that all work had to be scheduled and programmed well in advance,” continued Sean. “Another particular challenge was the fact that one of the buildings was actually being re-roofed during the contract period.”

The completed works has resulted in major savings for the company – in the region of £30,000 per annum.

“That’s also a considerable reduction in terms of emissions,” added Sean.

Kevin O'Hare, Finance Controller, Corus Ireland said:

"Here at Corus, Lisburn we have found working with A J Hurst on our energy saving lighting project to be a very professional experience, they were chosen because of their knowledge and expertise and they have been extremely attentive and efficient during the process."

"The installation with their partners, Axon, has also been smooth and flexible and we look forward to reaping the predicted benefits of 50% running costs once commissioning is completed in the near future."

Benefits of the scheme:

- Considerable savings
- Improved light levels
- Better working environment
- Reduction in carbon emissions

AJ HURST FACT FILE

AJ Hurst is a market leading electrical business, established in 1936. Based in Belfast the family-owned company operates throughout the UK and Ireland and provides total solutions from design, supply, installation, project management and commissioning of electrical equipment.

AJ Hurst stands out in the market place for its depth of expertise, range of products and commitment to truly excellent customer service. Several AJ Hurst customers have been so for more than 30 years. The company prides itself in being to the forefront of the lighting and industrial controls' sectors.

AJ Hurst boasts one of the widest ranges of lighting and industrial component products in the UK and Ireland. This wide portfolio is backed up by strong stock levels, rapid response timeline and an in-house technical team capable of working with the client to design and deliver bespoke lighting schemes.

AJ Hurst's customer service model is about taking the hassle away from the client. The company's extensive lighting range is aimed at reducing energy costs and reducing carbon footprint. The company's in-house experts can specify, design, install and commission lighting systems as well as advising on flexible finance schemes including interest-free options.

The company's success is due in no small part to the priority its staff affords to exemplary customer service, attention to detail and commitment to ensuring value for money.



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Customer service, product range, being at the leading edge of innovation, the wide range of contacts it has with leading suppliers, the internal level of technical design and installation excellence all contribute to making AJ Hurst unique in the marketplace.