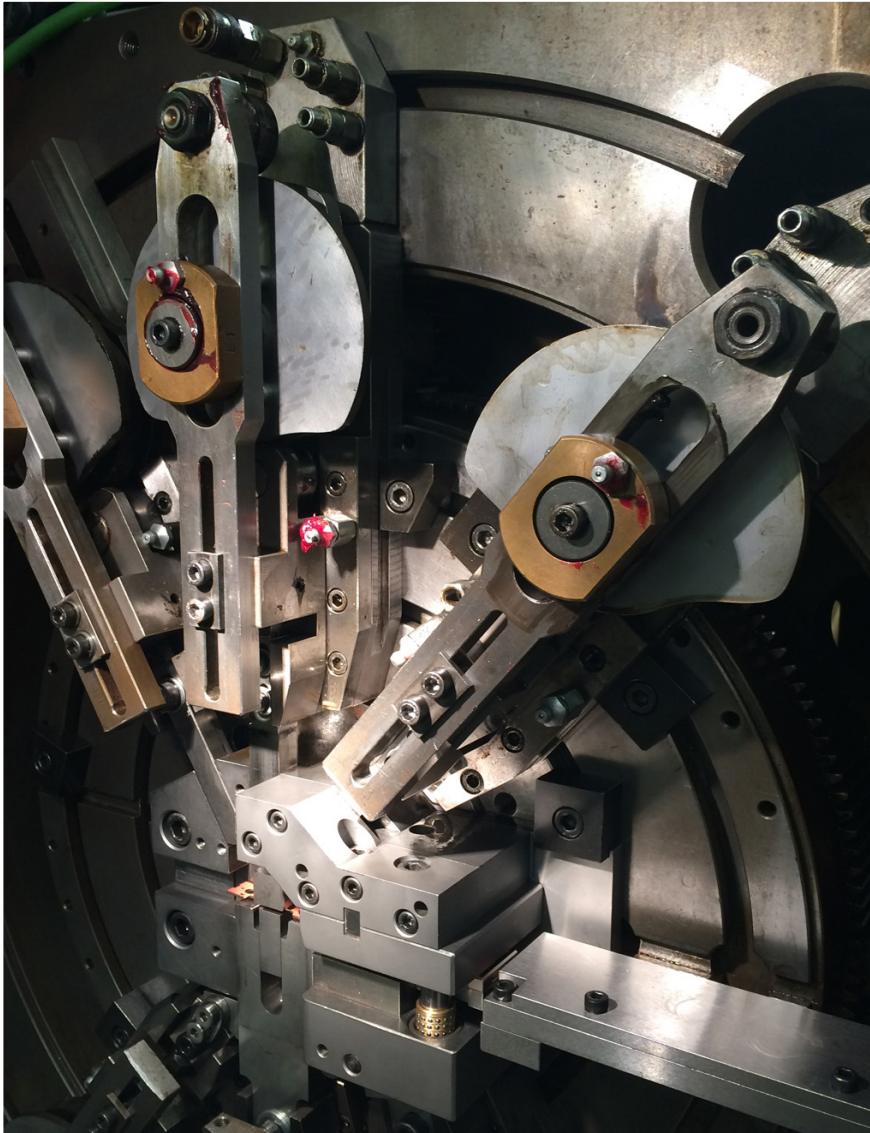


Metal contacts manufacturer invests £250k



Precious metal contacts and precision metal pressings specialist Samuel Taylor Limited (STL) will shortly be commissioning a new multislide press to increase its production capacity for terminal blocks and circuit breaker components.

The total machine tool investment is £250k and along

with automated box packing equipment and camera technology, will allow extended manufacturing through evenings and weekends for the high volume quantities involved in these markets. The Worcestershire based firm has been established for more than 100 years and is still family owned. STL's commitment to reinvesting in the

business is part of the reason for its longevity.

Carl Siviter, Sales Manager said, "The business has made steady investments in its history, to ensure that we remain globally competitive and we continue on this proven path. The majority of STL's current turnover is non-automotive based, but this year sees the start of an internal project to achieve TS16949, both to penetrate automotive markets and to generate cost down efficiencies in the business. It is planned to have TS in place in Q1 2016. Meanwhile ISO 9001:2008 is already in place and PPAP, FMEA etc are already used extensively.

"The Automotive sector is a very competitive market. The new approach towards TS for us, will help focus on driving efficiency improvement throughout the business and hopefully open up automotive for us. If you get things right at the input side you don't have to correct them later."