

**Issued on behalf of Pickersgill-Kaye****Date: 11.1.12****Ref: PR36a Exports****PICKERSGILL-KAYE EXPORT ORDERS HELP UK ECONOMY**

A Leeds based manufacturer has fought back against the economic downturn and secured ongoing overseas business, which has enabled it to attain a significant export turnover of over three quarters of a million pounds, for 2011.

Pickersgill-Kaye Ltd, which designs and manufactures locks and safety products for the security, custodial and rail industries, has won contracts with major customers worldwide.

Employing 55 people, the specialist engineering company has developed a growing reputation for well-designed and quality manufactured security products which are backed up by excellent levels of service, and this has helped in its bid to win new business against often stiff international competition.

In Asia, Pickersgill-Kaye supplied Meggitts' plant in China with specialist hose connector equipment, while Korean companies Jiwon Tech and Rotem took delivery of train LED door status indicators and cab door locks, for passenger rolling stock destined for Irish Rail, respectively. Ocean Eagle Holdings Ltd in Hong Kong and Hitachi in Japan have also previously specified various Pickersgill-Kaye products.

Following the successful launch of its range of custodial locks for prisons, police stations and other detention facilities in the UK, the company has had interest from around the world - securing further orders from Ireland, as well as winning a first contract for its custodial lock products from the Middle East, where Pickersgill-Kaye's locks will be used in a new prison extension. It has also made inroads in France, with a further order from Locken for more Kaye-Rota padlocks.

Meanwhile in North America, Pickersgill-Kaye products continue to be used on a number of new build applications with Axion Technologies (emergency talkback units for Toronto Transit tram cars), Julien (hammer boxes for tram application) and Supersteel (loco cab door locks for EMD locos).

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Pickersgill-Kaye is a prominent manufacturer of equipment to the European rail network and supplies a cross-section of blue chip companies like Bombardier, Siemens, Swiss Railways, Polmor, IFE, Jukova, SAPA and EVAC, including loco locks, emergency door release access panels, cab door locks and hammer boxes, for transport systems in Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Finland, Austria and Ireland.

Another product which has helped the Leeds' company to boost its profile has been the introduction of a range of high security gate locks for perimeter fencing. Applications include chemical plants, power plants, gas terminals, oil refineries; utility company perimeters, military bases and other large areas which need to restrict and control access.

Pickersgill-Kaye's sales manager Harry Griffiths said: "The business is again very pleased with the amount of export orders it has achieved, especially given the difficult domestic trading background. The latest contracts have further increased our export profile and helped to provide valuable work for our highly experienced and committed workforce.

"During 2012 the company will continue to innovate and introduce new products which we hope will help us to new export and domestic orders from the rail and security sectors."

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**Background information:**

Pickersgill-Kaye Ltd has built a solid reputation over the past 150 years through the specialist design and manufacture of Kaye's patent door locks for the architectural and railway industries throughout the UK and overseas. More recently, the company has diversified and is now using its expertise to design, supply & maintain high security locks for the UK detention and high security industries.

Operating from premises in Leeds, the company uses state of the art CAD systems linked to advanced CNC engineering facilities, producing high quality, British engineered products to the highest quality standards.

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