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PICKERSGILL-KAYE HATCHES NEW DESIGN FOR POLICE HQ

Leeds based Pickersgill-Kaye Ltd has won an order to help improve secure accommodation in a leading police station's new custody suite – and the company is also breaking new ground by manufacturing the hatches for the facility's cell doors.

Pickersgill-Kaye's team will project manage the interface of the hatch, door and lock for 10 units in the cell extension, which has been added to the Midlands-based constabulary's recently-built holding facility.

The Kaye Class 1 cell lock was specified by the police station, which cannot be named for contractual reasons, after it was successfully installed at Cleveland Police's new state of the art headquarters in Middlesbrough.

Designed to prevent self harm, the lock has new anti-ligature features that help in the provision of safer cells, whilst providing excellent levels of security and high resistance to damage and wear and tear.

However, in a first for the Leeds-based cell lock manufacturer, Pickersgill-Kaye will also make the hatches - to enable items to be passed to prisoners.

Pickersgill-Kaye's sales manager Harry Griffiths flagged up the crucial requirements in this ongoing project, which has a deadline of February 2008 for the final door assembly.

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He said: "It's the first time we've made the actual hatches for custody doors which required us to develop a new design, although the actual function is nothing new. However, precision is vital for aligning the hatch, door and lock to ensure security and safety, and like our development at Cleveland Police's headquarters, we have again recommended the cell lockdown facility."

Another vital element in the choice of Pickersgill-Kaye security solutions is the need for a robust key management regime that streamlines efficiency and heightens security - as all those using the Pickersgill-Kaye system know that they can request an exclusive key code and that there will be no other key like it anywhere else in the UK.

Harry Griffiths added that Pickersgill-Kaye aims to manufacture reliable, robust and high quality engineered products for custody cells in police stations as they are an important link in the nation's security chain and it is vital that they provide maximum safety and security for aggressive and vulnerable detainees alike.

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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 industry.

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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