

STATESIDE AND CINTEX - THE PERFECT COMBINATION

Stateside of Bolton, Lancashire has reported outstanding results since the installation of a series of custom designed checkweigher / metal detector combination systems from Cintex. The investment was planned as part of Stateside's on-going strategy to offer the best in terms of product quality and consistency, thus requiring the very latest production technology.

From the offset, Stateside had one clear objective which was to gain control over raw materials usage. With this in mind, they conducted extensive research into possible solutions and approached a number of potential suppliers, including Cintex. It soon became clear that to maximise the full potential of this investment, a complete overhaul of quality control facilities and reporting procedures would be in order, including the installation of data capture software.



The combination systems, one for each of the main production lines, were custom built to meet Stateside's exact requirements. A specialised laser cut guarding and minimum damage reject system was designed in conjunction with their own technical team to ensure maximum suitability of the machines. MIACS line management software was then installed to facilitate production of daily reports, which have proved invaluable since the installation of the new equipment.

Heading up this project were Steve Hardie, Site General Manager and Dave Roberts, Engineering Manager. Both had worked with Cintex in the past and were aware of the mechanical reliability of the machines and aftersales support. Mr Hardie commented, "A number of issues were considered before making our final decision, quality and price were both important. We were looking for a partner that we could trust to get the job right, Cintex presented themselves well and were by far the most professional company that we spoke to."

Talking in more detail about the impact of the systems at Stateside, Mr Hardie went on to say, "We now have good control over raw materials usage, wastage has been significantly reduced and we have received a rapid payback on the equipment. The complete turnaround in materials handling has made a huge difference to the product quality and consistency."

There has been a steep learning curve on site whilst all of the operators and engineers have bought up to speed with the new technology. Mr Roberts said, "Cintex were able to provide the full training required for the lines to function at optimum levels and I am confident that we are gaining the full benefit from the new facilities".