



COMAU UK OPENS ITS DOORS IN FOLLINGSBY PARK, GATESHEAD.

TO CELEBRATE THE NEW FACILITIES, COMAU IS HOSTING A TWO-DAY TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS AND PARTNERS.

- Comau's expansion in the North East mirrors the company's strong growth in UK
- Comau's comprehensive offer ranges from stand-alone robotics to powerful automation solutions, with the focus on innovation, simultaneous engineering and virtual commissioning
- The global leader is now the only full-service industrial automation company in the North East area
- Concrete evidence of Comau's Global Network, Local Presence strategy

Rugby, June 14th, 2017 – Comau, a leading global company in the development and implementation process and technology solutions for sustainable automation and production, will celebrate the opening of its new engineering facilities in Gateshead, during a two-day Open House on June 14 and 15, from 10 AM to 4 PM. The event, which will include technology seminars by top systems integrators, technology companies and industry experts, is the perfect location to display





Comau's on-going commitment to innovation and its advanced approach to collaborative, digital manufacturing.

With a strong experience in the industry and headquarters in Rugby, England, Comau UK has served customers throughout the UK since 1991. Now, with the new facilities, the industrial automation expert is in a unique position to meet the needs of the North East region thanks to its ability to offer a full range of competencies from concept design to full-line integration. Comau's building block concept includes standalone automation products such as Robots, Spot Guns, the RHEvo Hemming Solution and CNC machines, to name a few.

Comau specializes in working with customers to build up small systems, which can then be transformed into full Automation Solutions. Leveraging simultaneous engineering studies and the latest Virtual Commissioning technologies, the company can help ensure plant disruption is kept to a minimum during such projects. With the new Gateshead engineering facilities, Comau is able to prebuild cells in a controlled environment and get them ready for Factory Acceptance Testing, which further contributes to minimizing the time needed on site.

As part of the Open House, Comau and its technology partners will present a range of seminars and technology discussions – in two different conference facilities – focused on value-driven solutions and optimized Industry 4.0 compatibility. Specific shop-floor technology demonstrations include the innovative RHEvo push-pull hemming system, and a Weld Machine consisting of the Comau NJ4 290-2.7 with a Comau Compact Weld Gun, Aluminum Weld Gun and gripper featuring Comau's innovative "Breakaway" technology. An ARC Welding cell and the Racer7, Racer3 and RebelS robotic handling solutions will also be shown.

"I am proud to celebrate the expansion of Comau UK, which is an important step forward for the company in the direction to be always closer to our customers" said Brendan Blennerhassett, Managing Director. *"We are investing in our technology offering, our services and our facilities to help companies of all sizes respond to evolving*





market needs. This includes engineering the enabling technologies to support highly individualized, highly efficient production while safeguarding productivity and profitability for our customers, across the entire manufacturing line.”

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Comau is a worldwide leader in delivering advanced industrial automation solutions that integrate products, technologies and services to help companies of all sizes increase plant efficiency while lowering operating costs and optimizing returns. Headquartered in Turin, Italy, Comau has over 40 years of factory-proven experience, and an international network of 35 locations, 15 manufacturing plants and 5 Innovation centers that span 17 countries and employ more than 9,000 people. With a strong focus on innovation, Comau is committed to developing competency through the formation of individuals and groups as part of its open automation approach.

Comau is driving the future of production automation by engineering lean and sustainable solutions and products. Its competencies range from joining, assembly and machining to complete, robotized manufacturing systems and asset management services, which includes the application of advanced technologies that are fully connected for real-time monitoring and control. Comau's development of modular, flexible and highly-configurable products that can be tailored to meet the needs of each individual customer allow it to cost-effectively support evolving manufacturing environments. The company also helps its customers optimize and protect their investments through a full service offering that includes project management and consultancy, IoT services, maintenance and training for a wide range of industrial segments. In this way, Comau is able to lead the automation industry in every phase of a project - from design, implementation and installation, to production start-up and maintenance services.

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