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### **ARP INVESTMENT PAINTS A BRIGHT FUTURE**

Aluminium Roofline Products (ARP) held an opening ceremony last month to launch its new conveyorised wet paint spraying line. The Leicester-based business was founded in a garage 30 years ago and has since grown to occupy 30,000 sq. ft. premises at Meridian Business Park.

The investment of almost £500,000 for the paint line was made with the support of a grant from the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) and has already created 10 new jobs in the company with more recruitment planned. The paint line provides a factory coated finish to cast iron gutters and downpipes sold through builders' merchants, online suppliers and roofing contractors across the UK and Ireland.

Steve Dann, Managing Director of ARP said "We are delighted to have made this considerable investment as it extends our range of quality guttering and roofline products from cast, extruded, fabricated and seamless aluminium to now include cast iron which is used extensively across the UK particularly in heritage areas. We are now truly a national supplier and are increasing our market share by offering quality products, great value and customer service excellence."

The event was attended by Dr Jonathan Castleman, Chairman of Norman & Underwood, a leading and respected figure in the conservation and building restoration industry, and he formally opened the wet paint line. In addition, the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire Lady Gretton, the Lord Hazlerigg together with ARP customers and suppliers attended.

Richard Muddimer, Chairman of ARP commented "As a Leicester-based family business we have grown from humble beginnings into one that employs over 50 people. We have invested large sums in the business including a semi-automated powder coat paint line and de-coiling machinery as well as this most recent wet paint



line addition. Whilst these investments have provided the platform for growth it is also of great credit to our staff who have dedicated much skill and hard work to attain and maintain the best quality and service levels in our industry. We see a bright future ahead.”

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*Image 1 (left to right) Bob Muddimer - ARP, Lady Gretton, the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Lord Hazlerigg, Dr Jonathan Castleman - Chairman of Norman and Underwood, Katie Beckett and Richard Muddimer, ARP.*