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Mr Kevin Thomas

Babcock International Group plc and Brunel University welcomed some 20 members of GERMAN INDUSTRY UK to their first Visit to a Major British Company this year, on Thursday 16 January 2014, at Brunel University, Uxbridge.

Mr Kevin Thomas, Chief Executive, Support Services Division, Babcock International Group plc welcomed the group and gave an overview of Babcock's business in the UK and Worldwide. Professor Julia Buckingham, Vice Chancellor, Brunel University, talked about Brunel University's history and its current research, in particular in the automotive sector.



Professor Julia Buckingham



Mr Samir Maha



Mr Kieron Bramall



Mr Stefan Wolter

Mr Samir Maha, Director of Corporate Development, Support Services Division spoke about the Babcock's work providing critical and complex engineering services to its customers. Mr Kieron Bramall, Head of Automotive, Education and Training talked about Babcock's automotive training. Mr Stefan Wolter, Managing Director Germany, Defence Infrastructure presented Babcock in Germany.

The group were then given an introduction to Brunel's automotive activities by Ms Teresa Waller, Director, Research Support and Development. Professor Alasdair Cairns, Professor Joseph Giacomini and Professor Zhongyun Fan then talked about the training of engineers for the automotive and motorsport industries, human centred design of vehicles and liquid metal engineering: developing high performance metallic components.

Following a buffet lunch, courtesy of Babcock and Brunel, the group were split in to groups for separate lab tours by Professor Alasdair Cairns, Dr Ian Stone and Professor Joseph Giacomini.

Members present were from ACI, ANT Telecommunications, AKG, Bosch, CMR, Fuchs, Harting, Powell, Voith, WashTec amongst others and the German Embassy.



Ms Teresa Waller



Professor Alasdair Cairns



Professor Zhongyun Fan



Some participants during the lab tours

A highly interesting and rewarding day ended with a closing session by Ms Teresa Waller and Mr Samir Maha.