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ROYAL VISIT TO 4B BRAIME GROUP

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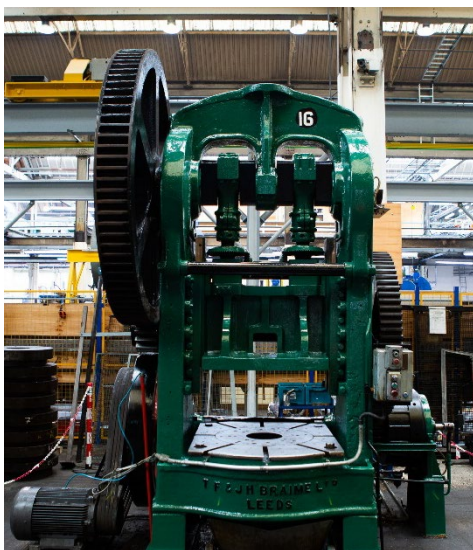
His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, has visited the 4B Braime Group in its 130th year.

Price Edward the Duke of Kent, first cousin of Queen Elizabeth and President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, has visited the 4B Braime Group's Headquarters and principle manufacturing factory in Hunslet, Leeds on the 28th May. The Duke had a tour around the Braime factory, a landmark grade-2 listed building where period features and historic machines can still be seen next to ultra-modern automated production lines. The factory tour was followed by a presentation of a plaque and buffet in the canteen with 4B's employees.



The Duke of Kent (middle), visiting the Braime factory, with Carl Braime (left) and Alistair Barr (right)

"It is a great honour to receive the Duke", says Nicholas Braime, Chairman of the Braime Group. This is the second royal visit in the company's 130-year history, the last being a Royal visit in 1917 by Princess Mary to open the first canteen in the country built for female employees.



Picture of a historic Braime press

Company History

The company was founded in 1888 by T.F. Braime, (later joined by his brother J.H. Braime), to manufacture Drip and Force Feed Oilcans. Many of the designs were patented and sold worldwide, particularly to the Railway industry. Around 1900, the company began to specialize in the new technology of deep drawn steel pressings, manufacturing parts for the consumer, military and automotive industries. The company also began manufacturing pressed seamless steel elevator buckets, issuing its first catalogue in 1908 offering over 350 sizes. The 1950's also saw the incorporation of the firm into T.F. & J.H. Braime Holdings PLC, which obtained a full quote on the London stock exchange. The company is now listed on the London Aim Market but remains family controlled and managed.

The 4B division – Components “Better by Design”

The company’s 4B division, which specializes in the provision of components for material handling industries, was founded in the 1970s. Starting out with mechanical components, such as elevator buckets, belts and bolts, the 4B division soon launched its electronics range specializing in level controls, intelligent sensors and safety control systems that prevent costly downtime and reduce the risk of explosions in hazardous areas.

The 4B Braime Group has since established itself as a worldwide industry leader for material handling and electronic monitoring components. With subsidiaries in the US, France, Germany, South Africa, Australia, Thailand and China - along with a worldwide network of distributors, 4B can provide practical solutions for any application no matter the location.

Proud of its rich heritage, the 4B Braime Group is at the forefront of innovation in conveying technology and a trusted supplier for customers worldwide in a wide range of industries ranging from grain, feed and milling through to cement and other heavy duty industries.

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The Duke of Kent, being shown 4B's elevator buckets



The Duke of Kent (right) and Nicholas Braime (left) during unveiling of plaque in Braime canteen