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EXPANDED TOOLROOM GAINS QUALITY ACCREDITATION

One of Australia's leading engineering toolmaking firms has received a major boost for its export prospects by achieving internationally recognised ISO9001 Quality Accreditation.

Bishop Manufacturing Technology's (BMT) new high-tech multi-million dollar 4000 square metre facility at Villawood in Sydney's west services the automotive, defence, medical and plastic moulding industries.

The company has also won contracts in the aerospace, pharmaceutical and telecommunication industries.

BMT specialises in the integrated design and manufacture of high precision, robust machines and components, press tools, jigs and fixtures.

Marketing and sales manager Bruce Fox said the six month accreditation process involved a comprehensive review of the company's new consolidated toolroom facility, established just 12 months ago.

"Quality assurance is a pre-requisite in many of the high-tech market segments in which we are now working," he said.

"A key aspect is traceability. Every step of every process is carefully documented so there is no uncertainty as to the quality of the finished job, the materials or the processes used."

This exacting process to ensure quality is particularly important in high precision industries such as aerospace.

"Implementation of this quality control system is a guarantee to BMT clients that their jobs will be done as part of a controlled, repeatable process."

BMT previously held quality accreditation for its operations at a number of locations across Sydney.

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However, it recently sought the independent re-evaluation after tripling the size of its integrated design and manufacturing facility.

The new certification process applies equally to the company's design and manufacturing activities - giving BMT a competitive edge.

"Providing a complete service under one roof reduces costs and allows us to provide the project control necessary to deliver on-time, high quality work to domestic and overseas customers with demanding requirements," Mr Fox said.

The company already services key automotive tooling clients in the USA, Europe and Japan including Ford, Mercedes-Benz and Toyota.

BMT is a business unit of Bishop Technology Group, a world leader in the field of automotive steering gear and transport engineering technology.

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Bishop Manufacturing Technology's high-tech Villawood toolroom is looking to boost export activities following its accreditation to ISO9001.