

Edgetech I.G. Celebrates UK Grand Opening

> > On July 11, Edgetech celebrated a new era for the company with the opening of the United Kingdom manufacturing facility.

“This is an exciting time for us as we open the very first dedicated, warm edge manufacturing facility in the UK,” said Mike Hovan, president, Edgetech I.G. “We’ve had great success in Europe over the past few years as Super Spacer® has become synonymous there with warm edge. With the new facility, we will be better able to serve the growing demand in the European marketplace.”

The grand opening celebration was considered a ‘resounding success’ as 148 guests attended the

two-day long event. Among the visitors were Edgetech customers, representatives from the EST, GGF and BFRC, as well as sealed unit manufacturers, glass companies, system companies, machinery manufacturers, fabricators and installers.



Formalities began with the cutting of the ribbon at the world class manufacturing facility by Hovan, Dale Foland, the company’s founder and chairman of

the board, and Andy Jones, managing director for Edgetech UK.

“It’s all thanks to our customers that we have enjoyed growth of 300 percent over the last three years,” Jones said.

“The (grand opening) has provided the perfect opportunity to show how much further we can go collectively with our production and performance initiatives, underpinned by the 360™ business support package,” Jones said.

The new \$44 million UK facility is located 90 miles North of London in Coventry, England. Edgetech UK was originally established 11

years ago and has become the premier warm edge supplier in the UK.

Just three years ago there were three Super Spacer lines in the UK, but by the end of September 2007, there will be 17 fully automated machines and eight semi-automated fully installed and commissioned; each capable of producing between 500 – 1,000 units per day on a single eight hour shift with minimum man power.

“Edgetech would like to thank each and every person who came out to celebrate the grand opening with us,” Hovan concluded. “We were very happy with the turnout and look forward to continued teamwork and success in the UK.” 