

30-year-old ENER-G Switch2 expands to grow green jobs

ENER-G Switch2 has celebrated its 30th anniversary in Yorkshire by expanding into new premises, where the sustainable energy company will be creating up to 20 new 'green' jobs over the coming year.

The company, which has doubled its turnover over the past three years to £9 million and is on target to achieve an £11 million turnover this financial year, has moved within the Bradford area from Cullingworth to Saltaire – taking 6,500 sq ft of office space.

ENER-G Switch2 is one of the UK's leading suppliers of bespoke metering and billing technologies and services for multi-tenancy buildings – enabling residential and business customers to precisely monitor and control their water and energy consumption and pay only for what they use. This results in reduced energy usage and impressive cost and carbon savings.

The business began life in 1980 as Mainmet Limited and passed through various changes in ownership and name until December 2003 when current directors Jayne Clare and Chris Fortes headed a management buyout team that created Switch2 Energy Solutions. This was sold to UK renewable and energy efficiency group ENER-G (www.energ.co.uk) in December 2007 and both directors remained in the business.

ENER-G Switch2 has evolved from a metering and maintenance operation predominantly for local authority clients operating large district heating schemes - into total energy service provision. Its services include the design, installation, operation and maintenance of green communal energy schemes for both public and private sector clients. Among its customers are: Berkeley Homes, Hyde Housing Association and Gentoo, as well as numerous local authorities, registered social landlords and public and private sector organisations.

Said Jayne Clare, Managing Director of ENER-G Switch2: "The new office provides 50 per cent more space to enable the continued growth of our business and lead to the creation of up to 12 new office based jobs over the next 12 months. We will also be expanding our 40-strong national engineering team."

Chris Fortes, Financial Director for ENER-G Switch2 added: "Being part of the ENER-G group we have the resources to finance capital projects and have access to energy generation technologies such as combined heat and power that can provide a complete energy solution for our customers. This is enabling us to tackle more ambitious projects and is driving our continued growth."

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