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A.J Wells & Sons to represent UK manufacturing excellence at Science Museum

A.J Wells & Sons has been selected to take part in an exhibition demonstrating the very best of British manufacturing this summer.

Beating competition from hundreds of UK companies, A.J Wells & Sons based in Newport on the Isle of Wight will feature in the Government's Make it in Great Britain exhibition at the Science Museum during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Their display of woodburning stoves and signage will showcase their latest manufacturing products and educate visitors about the value of manufacturing to UK business.

The exhibition is the culmination of the Make it in Great Britain campaign - an initiative launched last year by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills which aims to challenge outdated opinions and transform the image of modern manufacturing.

AJ Wells & Sons Ltd is a manufacturing family business run by the sons and grandsons of Alfred J Wells. The company has two main product lines: Charnwood Stoves and Vitreous Enamel products.

Charnwood stoves are highly efficient and clean burning wood stoves which use the very latest combustion technology. Their unique features include a patented single air control which allows the user to simply operate their stove at its most efficient and clean settings; they also have an unrivalled multifuel grate which allows the user to burn a wide choice of fuels.

AJ Wells & Sons Ltd enamel division manufactures signage for the London Underground and other transport related organisations. Vitreous Enamel is a traditional process which offers exceptional longevity and resists ageing.

John Wells commented:

"We are delighted that we are going to be a part of the Make it in Great Britain exhibition, and feel very proud to be representing the manufacturing industry. This summer will be one of the most

exciting that Britain has seen in a long time, and so to be involved in this exhibition when all eyes will be on the UK is a wonderful thing.

“We are looking forward to helping to show the general public what the manufacturing industry is really all about, and we hope that lots of people from the Isle of Wight will come to the exhibition to support us.”

The opportunity to showcase in the exhibition was open to manufacturing companies nationwide, with organisers keen to raise awareness about the dynamic, advanced and innovative industry that exists in the UK today.

Business Minister Mark Prisk said:

“Manufacturing accounts for 8 per cent of total UK employment and well over half of export goods, yet current perceptions of the industry are out of date and do not reflect that reality. We have selected a really exciting mix of exhibits, and I hope that as many people as possible visit the exhibition and see all of the great examples of British design and manufacturing – it will be spectacular.”

Ian Blatchford, Director of the Science Museum commented:

“We’re incredibly excited to be hosting the Make it in Great Britain exhibition this summer. The Science Museum and its world leading collections demonstrate some of the greatest engineering achievements of the last 200 years. We hope that as many people as possible visit the exhibition, and see at first-hand how innovation in British manufacturing is still thriving today.”

The exhibition will be open from 24 July to 9 September, and is free to visit. For more information please visit www.bis.gov.uk/makeitingreatbritain.

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Notes to editors

1. About Make it in Great Britain

Make it in Great Britain is a campaign that will challenge outdated perceptions and transform the image of modern manufacturing.

2. The Business Secretary and Mark Prisk launched the Make it in Great Britain campaign at a stakeholder event in Central London attended by 150 of Britain’s manufacturers and trade associations in November 2011.

3. The Make it in Great Britain exhibition will be open to the public from Tuesday 24th July to Sunday 9th September, and is taking place at the Science Museum, Exhibition Rd South Kensington, SW7 2DD.
4. For more information about the Make it in Great Britain campaign, go to <http://bis.gov.uk/makeitingreatbritain>.
5. The full list of exhibitors is:
 - Airbus
 - A.J Wells & Sons
 - Amber Composites
 - Andor Technology Ltd
 - Axon Automotive Ltd
 - BAE Systems
 - Bombardier
 - Ceravision
 - Coca-Cola
 - e2v Technologies
 - Elfab
 - Evac Chair
 - FT Technologies
 - GKN
 - Goodrich Actuation Systems
 - Gripple
 - Intelligent Energy
 - Jaguar Land Rover
 - Johnson Matthey
 - Mars
 - McLaren
 - Messier-Dowty-Ltd
 - Mettler Toledo
 - Naim Audio
 - Oclaro
 - Optos
 - POD Point
 - Raytheon UK(Air Traffic)
 - Rolls-Royce
 - Siemens
 - Stromatolite
 - Sunseeker
 - The Greenroof Tile Company
 - The Royal Mint

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