

Major expansion brings new jobs

A TELFORD company created from the ashes of IT giant Celestica is celebrating a major expansion and the creation of ten new jobs.

FASC, based at Hortonwood, was launched by Neil Beeston using his redundancy cash from Celestica which closed down with the loss of 600 jobs in 2006.

The company, carrying out similar projects to Celestica but on a smaller scale, has officially opened its new premises at Hortonwood.

Mr Beeston, 46, said the company was originally started last year with a small unit, within four months a larger one had been taken on, and a new 6,000 sq ft unit was opened last week at a celebration event.

Struggling

"I was an account manager with Celestica and lost my job when the company was struggling and took the decision to move out of the UK and into cheaper locations like Mexico and eastern Europe.

"Rather than find employment elsewhere, I decided to use my redundancy money to set up Fasc.

"Celestica was a global company which provided manufacturing and repair work for major clients including Sun Microsystems, Dell, Sony and HP.

"I decided to set up FASC offering a similar sort of service, but for smaller enterprises.



Neil Beeston (managing director) and Anne Price (office manager) celebrate the opening night with the rest of the FASC team



Visitors to the opening of the new FASC premises were entertained with a state-of-the-art performance stage show

"We took our first unit in Horton Court in January 2007, just a month after incorporating the company. In May we took a second unit and then this time we have taken over a new 6,000 sq ft unit.

"We now have a show-case facility to offer services to SMEs and beyond. We do a whole range of business solutions, we have a contract with Dell for company failure analysis work, sell Dell hardware, we are also

distributors for a new NEC product.

"The company also does guidance on British standards compliance, environmental services and we have BSI lead auditors working for us.

"We also do break-fix computer repairs on anything from a laptop to a server."

The launch, which saw 150 business guests attend a special musical themed event at the unit last Thurs-

day, featured a stage show from Telford-based Singing Tooth productions.

The performance featured two cast members with a virtual cast of about 60, singing famous songs from the shows.

"It was a fusion of technology and the classical, with two live performances shot against a huge projection screen. We don't think any business has done anything like this before," said Mr Beeston.