



Garage Door Systems – Metal Forming and Production Processing R&D Project

Garage Door Systems Ltd recently completed an Invest NI research and development project with Ulster University's Advanced Metal Forming Research Group (AMFOR) to develop a new manufacturing process that is now being used to make a range of non-standard pedestrian doors in small production runs with industry leading turnaround times.

Garage Door Systems Ltd will also create 17 new jobs over the next three years including key financial and marketing positions that will support its overall aim of significantly increasing export sales.

Peter Doherty, Managing Director, Garage Door Systems said: *"We are currently the market leader in two of our three target markets and have recently identified and exploited opportunities to raise our profile and increase sales into the Great Britain market. To further build on this we are now recruiting additional staff and aim to push our GB sales up to over 70% of our turnover. This innovation would not have been possible without the assistance of the Ulster University Advanced Metal Forming Research Group."*

Alan Leacock from University of Ulster, adds *"What has really made this work is the close collaboration between Ulster University and Garage Door Systems and the application of our expertise and research to real industry issues. We worked with Garage Door Systems for over 14 months and during that time we reviewed their current process; redesigned their existing metal forming process for optimum capacity and new production opportunities; imbedded that new knowledge and expertise within the company; and helped Garage Door Systems position themselves at the forefront of applied metal forming and a market leader in the industry."*