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NEW 'ON-LINE' CONTRACT FOR CLARO PRECISION ENGINEERING

North Yorkshire based Claro Precision Engineering Ltd, one of the UK's leading manufacturers of specialist metal and plastic components, has just won a further contract for the sole manufacture and assembly of infrared milk analysers.

The decision by On-Line Instrumentation of York, to avail themselves of Claro Engineering's technical expertise to produce various parts for an innovative new machine, was not a difficult one. A proven track record of producing excellent quality precision products, and an assembly line facility was exactly what was required, following the unveiling of the 'York Infrared Dairy Product Analyser' at the Chicago World Wide Food Exhibition.

A number of orders for the innovative machine were placed at the show. It was then that On-Line Instrumentation called upon Claro Engineering for its expertise in this area. Various components including the monochrometer, the homogeniser pump, the base plate and all mechanical parts for the new machine were to be produced by the company. Clive Benson, director of On-Line said: "After previously working with Claro Engineering we were quick to realise that they were an obvious choice. We knew they could more than do the job required of them."

The winning team of Claro Engineering and On-Line Instrumentation, between them, are set to bring major benefits to the dairy industry by manufacturing this new machine. It has the capability to do a full milk analysis in less than fifteen seconds, with all of the calibration storage, results, calculations and operator interface being performed on an external P.C. therefore offering a simple solution to the more time consuming classical method of analysis.

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Claro Engineering, as well as manufacturing the parts, are also to fully assemble the analyser. "It was decided," said Mr Benson "to use Claro because we know that they will produce excellent quality products. They will more than do what is asked of them and will be fully co-operative with our design team. They are also ISO 9001 accredited, which we know is vitally important to our customers."

Howard Chadwick, managing director of Claro Engineering says: "Claro's success has been the ability to supply quality products and service to our customers. This new contract has given us the opportunity to utilise our full design and build service which we provide from initial concept through to full batch production."

The York Infrared Milk Analyser, was the brainchild of Dr. Michael O'Keeffe, who formed the company, On-Line Instrumentation. The machine, was designed by a small team led by Len Clucas, previously of Grubb Parsons, Steve Ramm and Clive Benson.

Dr. O'Keeffe previously had close links with a company called Multispec, who for several years had produced infrared milk analysers with parts manufactured by Claro Precision Engineering.

An On-Line Instrumentation 'York Dairy Product Analyser' is planned to be exhibited on Claro Precision Engineering's stand at Mach 2002, NEC, Birmingham 29th April – 3rd May.

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Background Information

Claro Precision Engineering was established in 1978 and operates from purpose built premises in Knaresborough.

The business employs 41 people and produces a wide range of precision items, kits and assemblies. These include medical implants and tools, aerospace components, laser parts and assemblies as well as components for the defence, security, fire protection, sub sea and microwave communications and other industries.

Using a wide range of CNC machining systems including Bridgeport, Kitamura, Hitachi Seiki and three Matsuura high speed CNC machining centres backed up with conventional machining, fitting and assembly. Claro Precision offers one of the most comprehensive subcontract services available for concept to component manufacture.

ISO 9001 approved, the business prides itself on the quality of its production. The level of professionalism offered has enabled Claro Precision Engineering to win contracts with a number of house-hold names.

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