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At a time of economic uncertainty and caution it is good to be able to tell a story of success and expansion. SIGH (Surgical Instrument Group Holdings Ltd) and sister company, Caterham Surgical Supplies Ltd, have moved into new, custom-fitted offices and workshop space at the IO Centre, Croydon. The move was necessitated by a five-fold expansion in the companies' size and they had outgrown their original location. The new premises are four times bigger, with a workshop three times larger and more office/meeting accommodation.

The group manufactures bipolar and diathermy instruments and Osborn & Simmons ophthalmic surgery instruments, but also has a major instrument repair facility for sharpening, realigning, recoating and refurbishing stainless steel and titanium reusable surgical instruments. It also has a surgical telescope repair facility on site.

In addition, the group is well known as the UK distributor for such premier brands as



MicroFrance, Lawton, Bowa and Asico. Both companies concentrate on offering UK hospitals the best quality instruments available. MicroFrance and Lawton are both recognised to be first class instruments for laparoscopic and open surgery, respectively. Both names are associated with technical quality and innovation with an emphasis on atraumatic instruments. Similarly, Bowa Bipolar and Diathermy leads offer a 300 autoclavings warranty – giving significantly extended life and value for money.

Managing director, David Peddy, said: "Without this move, further growth was impossible and our ability to take on new products and ranges, which our customers want, would have been limited." Co-director, Martin Watts, said: "Being with Caterham Surgical since its launch in 1976, this will be another chapter in the success of the company. We are all very excited about the new premises and it will be a lovely environment in which to work. We are also looking forward to welcoming many customers to our new facility so that they can get a clearer and fuller idea of what we can do."

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A word on quality

Lawton prides itself on providing quality surgical instruments and has recently installed a state-of-the-art passivation system. An important aspect of ensuring the high quality of its instruments is the use of high-end German steel. The instruments are manufactured to high standards, electro polished and finished by highly experienced instruments makers. The chemically cleaned instruments pass through the citric acid passivation system at the optimum temperature and time. The combination of optimum passivation methods, pre-electro polishing and use of citric acid, ensures the highest possible chrome and chrome-oxide concentration on the surface of the instrument, in order to have the highest chemical resistance and the best possible protection against corrosion and discolouration.



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