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Steve Cunningham

Spotlight on Steve Cunningham

Effective from February 2024, MPE's longstanding employee Steve Cunningham has been appointed to the newly created position of Production Manager.

During the past year the company has witnessed a 175% growth in ceramic filter sales and 50% increase in feedthrough capacitor sales. With revenues set to continue to grow over the next 12 months, Steve's new role is in direct response to this upsurge in demand for MPE's high-performance filter and capacitor solutions, whilst reinforcing MPE's expansion and improvement activities that are currently well under way.

As Production Manager, Steve is now responsible for all critical Manufacturing processes and teams, including fabrication, capacitor and inductor winding, along with assembly functions, with paint spray, test and finishing included.

Having joined MPE in 2011 as a Manufacturing Supervisor, Steve's role has markedly expanded. Today it includes responsibility for the Manufacturing processes above totalling 33 people, as well as the recruitment and training of new manufacturing apprentices and operatives. This timely promotion will continue Steve's direct relationship with Manufacturing Director Marcus Wright, as he continues to report to him.



MPE Manufacturing Director Marcus Wright in discussion with Production Manager Steve Cunningham to optimise the sequence of processes for a new project

Time spent away from work sees Steve and his wife in their campervan, travelling the length and breadth of the UK and discovering the hidden gems of small-town Britain. For example, the spectacular Ingleton Waterfalls Trail, at Carnforth in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, is a favourite spot to which they repeatedly return.



The new feedthrough assembly area within Manufacturing

In 2018 the two of them walked the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge of Pen-y-Ghent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough in less than 10 hours. Previously Steve had scaled Ben Nevis, Snowdon and Scafell Pike in an actual climbing time of 14 hours.

In his younger days, Steve played non-league soccer in the St Helens & District Football Combination and Liverpool County Football Combination and secured coaching badges from the Football Association. He has been a lifetime supporter, too, of Liverpool FC.



The Do Drop Inn pop-up pub in Steve's garden

What is more, since the Covid pandemic, Steve has been running the "Do Drop Inn". This is an innovative pub which he proudly constructed in his back garden for family and friends, complete with keg beer and beer pumps!