

CASE STUDY

Boustead International Heaters Limited

KEY FACTS

Location	Southwick, West Sussex
Industry	Direct Fired Heaters and Waste Recovery Units
Scope	Complete fit-out



Boustead International Heaters Limited specialises in all aspects of Direct Fired Heaters and Waste Recovery Units utilising turbine exhaust gas serving the global market place in the oil, gas and petrochemical industries.

In December 2007, due to continued financial growth and an ever-increasing head count, BIH needed to evaluate the suitability of its current premises in Southwick, West Sussex. Following an Internet search of local companies, they invited Woodman to space plan, as well as carry out an expansion feasibility study on the Southwick buildings.

As a result, it was decided that the current site was not going to enable BIH to expand as planned and still provide the staff with a good working environment. It was imperative, therefore, to find larger premises.

In February 2008, BIH identified two buildings side-by-side in Victoria Business Park, Burgess Hill. They returned to Woodman to evaluate the suitability of the buildings and provide space plans to accommodate existing staff and plan for future expansion.

BIH subsequently purchased the two buildings and Woodman was appointed Project Managers

for the entire fit-out venture. After tendering the packages, contractors were appointed and the process of completely stripping both buildings previously occupied by Ericsson began – one the 3-story 'Europa House' and the second, the 2-story 'Beech House'.

The fit-out was completed during an intensive 9-week period to include partitioning, decorative finishes and carpeting, plus lighting and wiring. Air-conditioning, a fire alarm system, intruder alarm, access control and CCTV were also installed.

Woodman space planned, supplied and installed nearly a hundred workstations with their associated storage and operator chairs, as well as making clever use of floor to ceiling storagewall units to maximise their filing requirements and in some areas act as room dividers between departments. In addition, each building had two meeting rooms, kitchens on all floors and cellular space for key management. A walnut veneer "Hands of Wycliffe" boardroom table with integrated power and data, combined with a fully fitted media wall, put the finishing touches to the 2nd floor boardroom.

The buildings underwent a radical transformation, lifting them from a tired worn-out look into a bright, clean, modern working environment.

"It just goes to show what can be achieved in just 2 months," comments Gordon Reed, Director at Woodman, "As Project Management experts, Woodman has been effecting change in this area of the market for many years. The BIH buildings are now luxury offices that reflect the stature of the company."

"We were very impressed with Woodman's project management for our new offices. We had a very short timescale in which to complete and they delivered on time and to a very high standard. We have received very positive comments from personnel and visitors and feel that our prestigious new offices reflect BIH's image for the future."

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