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East Sussex-based Technoturn Ltd has invested in three Doosan vertical machining centres in the past 18 months. These are being used to machine a diverse range of complex components for the aerospace, defence, motorsport and medical sectors, and the electronic connector industry.



Technoturn has recently invested in a new Doosan DNM 500 vertical machining centre supplied by Mills CNC

Says Technoturn Director, David McIlwain: "Originally, when the company was first established in 1995, our focus was very much on turned parts and turning technology. We invested heavily in sliding-head lathes, and followed this up by making significant investments in multi-axis, multi-tasking turning centres.

"Over the last couple of years we made the strategic decision to develop and broaden our manufacturing capabilities still further, as a route to growing the business and strengthening our position in the numerous supply chains we are involved in.

"This has seen us not only continue to invest in sophisticated lathes and turning centres, but to also increase and improve our in-house milling capabilities as a consequence. This explains the recent investments in Doosan vertical machines. "What this means is that today we can deliver comprehensive, cost-competitive and world-class CNC machining solutions to customers."

As well as growing its CNC machining capabilities, Technoturn has also strengthened its single-source offering by increasing the number of secondary finishing services it can offer to customers. These now include painting, heat treatment and electro-plating, shot-blasting and sub-assembly.

Parts manufactured by Technoturn are machined from a variety of metals and materials – including aluminium, titanium, stainless, exotic alloys and plastics. Batch sizes are equally varied, with the company machining prototypes, one-offs and small batch series on one hand, right through to medium-to-high volume production on the other.

The latest investment in Doosan CNC milling technology demonstrates Technoturn's ambitions and progressive business approach, says David McIlwain.

"Continuous improvement and strategic development are the keys to our success. Our customers need, and are looking for, supply chain partners that can deliver guaranteed quality, cost efficiencies and on time delivery.

"Our investment in new technology coupled with similar significant investments made in our people and processes are helping us meet these needs."

The most recent Doosan machine supplied by Mills CNC to Technoturn is a DNM 500, with fourth-axis interface. This is a heavy-duty, high-performance VMC capable of high removal rates and fine finishing operations.

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