

Business matters for Inchinman firm

INCHINMAN firm **Teknek** has announced a major expansion and reorganisation of its operations throughout Asia.

The news follows increased demand for the company's contact cleaning technology in the region. Two new offices have been opened in Seoul, South Korea and in Shanghai to complement Teknek's Asian production facility and fulfilment centre in Hong Kong.

Teknek's Asia Pacific headquarters moves from Yokohama Japan to Shanghai and will be headed up by Richard Meredith, regional manager for Asia Pacific.

Stephen Mitchell, managing director of Teknek said: "This is one of the largest and most ambitious

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expansion plans ever undertaken in Teknek's 25 year history.

"We are seeing unprecedented demand for our equipment in the region both for our traditional markets such as electronics as well as for large Asian product sectors such as Flat Panel Displays and solar cell production.

"We expect to double our headcount in Asia and it comes on the back of recent expansion in North America and growth at our UK headquarters in Glasgow."

He added: "I have just completed a tour of our new Asian facilities and have been struck on the hand by the huge opportunity available and at the same time realising that our strong position can only

be sustained by constant innovation, operational excellence and value, qualities which are at the core of our strategy. Expansion in Asia is part of our strategic aim to double the size of the business over the coming years."

Teknek pioneered the development of contact cleaning technology 25 years ago and has remained at the forefront of innovation in this field ever since.

Its "clean machines" are used by leading manufacturers world-wide.

The machines help manufacturers maximise production yields, cut down time and reduce waste by eliminating contamination from critical processes.

Sectors served range from electronics, printing and converting to Flat Panel Displays, solar cell and medical.

Meet the Chamber's new directors

RENFREWSHIRE Chamber of Commerce has appointed three new directors to their board.

Audrey Cumberford, principal at Reid Kerr College, John McConnell, head of Commercial at BAA Glasgow Airport and Robert Marshall, Senior Commercial manager Lloyds TSB/Bank of Scotland recently joined the organisation.

Commenting on the new additions to the board, President Tom Johnston, head of Retail for Colliers International said: "We are delighted Audrey, John and Robert have agreed to join the Board and get involved in further developing the Chamber.

"2010 has been a great year for the Chamber and with their support 2011 and beyond will be even stronger."

He added: "Membership is at a high, finances are strong and the team led by chief executive Bob Davidson are doing a great job. But we can't be complacent, we are always looking to improve and help Renfrewshire grow and prosper."

John McConnell, head of Commercial at Glasgow Airport said: "I am very pleased to join the board of The Renfrewshire Chamber



of Commerce.

"The chamber provides a fantastic platform for its members, enabling local businesses to grow and develop. In today's current climate, the chamber plays a key role in promoting the business community in the Renfrewshire area.

"I am proud to live and work in Paisley and have a good, clear understanding of the local economy."

"I look forward to working with the chamber and its members and hope that my knowledge of the area benefits our business community".

Fantastic business event coming soon

RENFREWSHIRE Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Business Matters event in May.

This B2B free event is for local businesses of all sizes and sectors. Taking place in Paisley Town Hall around 30 exhibitors will be able to market their products and services while being given the opportunity to save money and improve their business.

Seminars, workshops and masterclasses will also be available on the day covering a range of topics including finance, legal, IT and social media.

The chamber will be handling registration for the event and businesses looking to book an exhibition space is asked to contact Bob Davidson by email bdauidson@renfrewshirechamber.com

Also email Bob to book a seminar spot with details of what you would like to do.

Already 15 business have signed up for an exhibition space and to take part in the seminars so get in touch if you are interested in taking part.

The Business Matters event will take place on May 19 from 9am-4pm. For more information please log on to www.renfrewshirechamber.com

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EVENTS

Golf and Curry Networking Night in partnership with East Renfrewshire Chamber, Mearns Castle Golf Academy, Thursday March 3, 6.30-8.30pm.

March Networking Lunch with Colin Neill, Site Director of Dia-geo Shieldhall, R34 India of Inchinnan, Thursday March 31, 12-2pm.

April Networking Lunch, The Watermill Hotel, Paisley, Thursday April 28, 12-2pm.

Business Matters in Renfrewshire - a B2B event, Paisley Town Hall, May 19, 9-4pm.

Chamber Golf Challenge at Mar Hall 5* Golf Resort, Tuesday June 7, 9-2pm.

Renfrewshire Chamber are on the following social media sites. Visit www.renfrewshirechamber.com for more information.







