

## **Suzuki Metal Industry Group accelerates expanding global business base**

### **Thai Special Wire Co., Ltd. (TSW) starts production of high-end wire for spring**

In Jan., 2014, TSW, a subsidiary of Suzuki Metal Industry Co., Ltd. (SKK) in Thailand, has completed its facility investment to enhance quality and productivity, including drawing machines, EC-testing lines and a patenting system. With these newly-introduced facilities, TSW now moves to an advanced stage where it can supply spring wire for automotive security parts to actively capture increasing business opportunities in the Asia region. TSW has aimed at setting up the above-mentioned facilities since it became one of the SKK's subsidiaries.

As a result, its spring wire production capacity now reaches to 1,400 tons monthly.

### **Acquisition of shaped wire company in the UK**

Simultaneously, Suzuki Garphyttan AB (SG), a 100% subsidiary of SKK in Sweden, has acquired 100% share of KTS Wire Ltd. (KTS) in the UK.

KTS, located in Leeds city in West Yorkshire in the UK, manufactures shaped steel wire for various uses such as automotive parts, bed and sofa, and other household goods. Its customer base spreads world-wide; UK, Western Europe, West Africa, Middle East, and North America.

Both SKK and SG have been experts of shaped steel wire for a long time, so that we aim to realize synergy of technical development, manufacturing and marketing in the group, especially between SG and KTS.

SKK group is vigorously expanding its global business not only for specialty steel wire for automotive industry such as oil tempered wire and piano wire for spring, but also for the other high-end products in non-automotive fields.

#### [KTS Wire Limited group]

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| (1) Location          | Leeds, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom        |
| (2) Managing Director | Stephen David Longbottom                     |
| (3) Business          | Manufacturing and sales of shaped steel wire |
| (4) Employee          | 50 persons                                   |
| (5) Establishment     | November, 2008 (Business start in 1953)      |
| (6) Sales amount      | £ 7 million (2012FY)                         |