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## **WHALE EMPLOYEES HIT DOUBLE CENTURY**

**Solihull-based Whale Tankers have broken through the 200 employees mark with the addition of six new staff in their production and office teams. The company has had steady growth, taking on over 50 new staff, mostly local people, in the last seven years alone.**

The all important 'first contact' receptionist role is shared by Fiona Morgan and Melanie Knight, a job-share role that reflects Whales forward-looking employment policy.

Matt Cox starts as a Trainee Purchasing Assistant, which after initial internal training will lead to external qualifications such as a CIPS course or BTEC in Business Studies.

Joining the manufacturing team as fitters/improvers are James Rowley, Martin Partridge and Jake Cunnington. They come from a range of backgrounds including vehicle maintenance and bricklaying.

The growth in staff numbers was mirrored with a record month for sales of £5.5m at the end of 2007, which contributed to the need to increase the size of the workforce.

Commenting on the new appointments, Whale Tankers Managing Director, Mark Warmington said, "As one of the largest manufacturing employers in Solihull, we are delighted to welcome our latest local recruits to the Whale team."

He continued, "Our large Apprenticeship Scheme is only one part of our training jigsaw, to ensure we have a highly-skilled, motivated workforce to enable us to maintain the high-quality of our vehicles, which are of ever increasing complexity."



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“We start looking for new apprentices in February each year, with a view to them starting in August when they start their college and job-based training”, he added.

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## **Photograph Thumbnail:**



## **Caption for photograph:**

New employees at Whale taking them over the 200 mark, (Left To Right) Jake Cunington, Fiona Morgan, Martin Partridge and Matthew Cox.

## **Notes for Editors**

Whale, based in Solihull in the West Midlands, is Europe's leading manufacturer of high quality vacuum/pressure tankers for a broad range of waste applications and supplier of recyclers, airmovers and heavy duty jetting equipment, they gained UKAS inspection body status in 2007. Over 200 staff are employed in the manufacture and nationwide support of its products, based out of the environmental award winning 10 acre Ravenshaw facility.

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