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**Solid State plc**  
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## **Opening of state of the art Antenna Development, manufacturing and test facility in Leominster**

Solid State plc (AIM: SOLI), the AIM listed supplier of specialist industrial/ruggedised computers, electronic components, advanced antenna products, communications systems and battery power solutions to the electronics market, is pleased to announce the opening of its new Steatite Antennas development, manufacturing and test facility in Leominster, Herefordshire.

The Antennas business unit at Steatite was created through the acquisition of Q-par Angus Limited in May 2013. Since the acquisition, the unit has developed ever more complex antenna solutions for its global client base through technological innovation and advanced design. To support the growth of Steatite Antennas and to enable advancements in antenna testing, the operations moved to the new site in January 2017.

The new facility has been purpose built to enable the design, manufacture and testing of complex systems and contains a specialist near-field RF test chamber large enough to accommodate antennas with dish dimensions up to 3 meters in diameter

The site was opened by the current Conservative Party candidate for North Herefordshire, Bill Wiggin.

### **Commenting on the opening, Matthew Richards, MD of Steatite, said:**

"This is a world-class facility, incorporating some of the most advanced near-field testing capabilities in the UK. It represents a significant investment by the Company into its antennas business and will enable Steatite to remain at the cutting edge of antenna design, manufacture and testing."

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**Notes to Editors:**

Solid State plc (SOLI) is a leading value added group of companies providing specialist design-in and manufacturing services to those acquiring industrial/rugged computing products, battery power solutions, communications systems, advanced antenna products and electronic components for use in harsh environments.

Serving niche markets in oil & gas production, medical, construction, security, military and field maintenance, Solid State acts as both a distributor to OEMs and bespoke manufacturer of specialist units to clients with complex requirements.

Headquartered in Redditch, Solid State employs over 200 staff across five sites. Solid State operates through two main divisions: Solid State Supplies and Steatite.

Solid State was established in 1971 and admitted to AIM in June 1996.