

Shadow Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills, John Denham MP is among a group of Labour party delegates who will visit Surgical Innovations (SI) later today, to be given a tour of their Clayton Wood facilities and learn about the company's impressive growth rate and remarkable strategic success.

The group, which includes Shadow Minister for Small Business - Chuka Umunna and Senior business policy advisor for Ed Miliband - Sonia Sodha, will hear about SI's impressive export activity - a key driver for the political agenda in the current economic climate.

SI specialises in the design and manufacture of innovative devices for use in minimally invasive surgery and industrial markets.

All SI's products are designed and manufactured in-house from their Leeds headquarters, allowing SI to remain confident in the quality and effectiveness of their products.

Providing surgical solutions to clinicians across the globe, SI distribute to over 45 countries and their team of over 30 designers are constantly working with surgeons to ensure they are providing the best equipment.

The visit is part of a programme of events that have been held in the region over the week which will see the representatives gauging opinions from small businesses to feed into a report by the Small Business Taskforce to Ed Milliband, Leader of the Opposition, next year.

The aim of the report is to set out a series of proposals to ensure that UK economy and government policy are structured to best enable small businesses to prosper and grow.

Speaking ahead of his visit to Surgical Innovations, Labour's Shadow Business Secretary, John Denham MP, said: "In an increasingly globalised economy we need to encourage innovative companies that are at the forefront of technology, winning new business and creating the jobs and industries of the future.

"I'm very pleased that I will be able to see at first hand the work that Surgical Innovations is undertaking, their investment in state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment, their investment in research and development, and their rapid growth.

"I will be listening to leaders of the company as well as their staff on their ideas and thoughts on the success of their company and how we can support, establish and grow more high growth business in Leeds and across the UK."