

Surgical Innovations (SI), the designer and manufacturer of creative solutions for minimally invasive surgery (MIS), is celebrating its contribution to UK productivity with a display at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS).

From engineering, to bed-makers and medical equipment, Yorkshire is taking advantage of centuries of skills, expanding into new areas with the latest technological innovations, creating UK manufacturing markets for the future.

Other Yorkshire companies exhibiting alongside SI include Harrison Spinks, GSM Group and Ginetta Cars, who are each demonstrating their innovative products and skills.

Visiting the showcase Business and Energy Minister, Michael Fallon MP, said: "This display from Yorkshire businesses shows the area's manufacturing prowess. It is a county with a fine heritage as well as a promising future, and illustrates what a varied and highly-skilled career manufacturing provides.

"Through our industrial strategy the Government is committed to working closely with the manufacturing sector to provide a strong base for the continued recovery, giving companies the confidence to invest, secure highly skilled jobs, and create growth for the future."

In 2013 the UK economy grew by 1.9%, the fastest growth since 2008 and Yorkshire's rich manufacturing heritage continues to thrive, innovate and contribute to this growth in 2014. Generating approximately £10bn for the economy, manufacturing sector accounts for 15% of GVA in Yorkshire, compared to 10% GVA nationally. Globally, manufacturing contributes £6.7trn to the global economy and is a key driver of exports, responsible for 54% of UK exports alone, it is therefore vital for the UK's economy.

Speaking at the showcase, Graham Bowland, CEO of Surgical Innovations, said: "We are committed to bringing manufacturing home to Yorkshire and over the years we have invested substantially in manufacturing facilities to ensure that our philosophy is realised. Around 27% of revenue is spent on research and development (R&D), which demonstrates our commitment to remaining at the cutting-edge of the medical device market. We are proud to be part of the Yorkshire Manufacturing Excellence display alongside such great companies and it is an honour to fly the flag for Yorkshire."

The Yorkshire Manufacturing Excellence display is available to view until 7th March and has been organised in conjunction with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills as part of the BIS Story.