

Kapp Alloy Celebrates 65 Years

Kapp Alloy & Wire, located at 1 Klein St., celebrated 65 years in business in 2010.

The celebration was marked with sales growth of more than 70 percent.

The solder, spraywire, and Babbitt manufacturer purchased new cold welding equipment last year and launched a new website.

It also certified new Precision Microcasting equipment designed and manufactured by Kapp Alloy's production team.

December proved to be the company's most successful month for exports in its 65-year history, adding new customers in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

This year will continue to be a year of growth and expansion for Kapp Alloy, the company said.

Projects include overhauling the businesses e-commerce website, www.solderdirect.com.

The revamped site will include a larger online product selection, a more secure online shopping environment, and the ability to post project photos and questions, along with a unique product search system.

Kapp Alloy also plans to use a \$7,500 DEP grant to help upgrade the heating and ventilation system in the production buildings.

In March, PJ Wightman, operations team leader, will attend Advanced Dangerous Goods training.

The five-day course covers the regulations for ground, air, and ocean shipping of hazardous materials like soldering flux. Ocean (IMDG) shipping will be a new certification added this year in response to the large increase in ocean exports, the company said.

According to Wightman, "Since 9/11, the rules have changed to require much more knowledge and responsibility on the part of the manufacturer for classification and handling of the goods to be shipped. This has also greatly increased the documentation and certification requirements for the manufacturer. The course will help Kapp Alloy continue to provide the highest quality products and service to the widest range of customers possible." Wightman has been a valued part of the Kapp Alloy & Wire family for almost 30 years.

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