

NEW APPOINTMENT TO FULFIL PACKAGING AUTOMATION'S LONG TERM PLANS

Over 20 years experience in the packaging industry has helped Phil Markham to secure a position with the UK's leading manufacturer of tray sealing and filling equipment.

Phil joins Packaging Automation Ltd as technical manager for the volumetric division after 16 years working for Regal Packaging Ltd, and will be responsible for developing the company's range of filling and sealing equipment.

Packaging Automation has just recently completed the first phase of a five-year business strategy with the launch of the Fastfill100 high speed filling, pot sealing and overcapping machine, the third machine in the new generation Fastfill range. Phil joins Packaging Automation as it prepares to move forward with Phase 2 of its strategy and further develop this side of the business.

Speaking about his appointment Phil said: "I am delighted to have joined Packaging Automation and have already been impressed with the way they work. They have a really customer focused approach and a very positive ethos behind all the work they do. They put a lot of store on doing things properly – not cutting corners – and that really appeals to me."

Commenting on what he aims to achieve he added: "I have two main objectives. Firstly, to look at ways of enhancing the existing equipment where possible. It is clearly well designed and operates very well – now I want to get a feel for customers' experiences of using it in the longer term and see if there is anything else we can do to advance its functionality.

“It is important to know how the equipment operates on a day-to-day basis in the field and review machine performance in the light of this. Secondly, I will be looking at new equipment development to expand the range.”

Packaging Automation’s general manager Mick Davis said: “The volumetric side of the business is doing well and growing apace, alongside our traditional tray sealing equipment. We are very confident that Phil brings the right skills and attitude to the business and will really enhance what we are offering. He has extensive experience in the packaging industry and will fit well with our customer-focused approach.”

Phil is married and has four children. The eldest is already following in his father’s footsteps as an engineering apprentice. Phil enjoys sport and, as a qualified junior football coach, helps with his local village Under 9 team.”