

A new, solid company from Northern Jutland with more than 35 years of experience

On 30 September 2022, a great company surfaces when the already well-established factories, Aalborg Maskinfabrik, Aalborg Maskinfabrik Stål and Maskinfabrikken Fuglsangs Eftf., become one united company.

Ten months after they talked about the future for the first time, the new constellation is now in place by one united company with a mutual strategy and future, respectively. This is under the new name **STERKE**.

Until today, the three machine factories have served as independent companies in Svenstrup and Aalborg, respectively, with more than 35 years of experience in engineering, design, hydraulics, cylinders, production of steel constructions, cutting by stock removal, and development of mechanical systems. The reason behind this new constellation is the aim at enhancing ourselves in the future, especially in wind turbines, marine and offshore, which just recently have become in focus with the government's plans concerning future offshore wind parks.

This new company becomes one of the greatest players in the production of wind energy equipment. We complement each other well, and in the future we'll be able to take on even greater tasks together, especially in wind energy and offshore", explains the Manager of the engineering and service divisions, Kim Palsgaard Thomsen.

In addition, the future requires solid competencies in engineering, forging and industrial technicians. By combining these competencies from the two companies, this company will be well equipped henceforth.

We excel in educating young people in this field, and the factories have 12 trainees combined, who are being educated in the industrial and forging divisions", says the Manager of the production division, Christian Jørgensen.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR CLIENTS AND BUSINESS PARTNERS?

As its name implies, the new company **STERKE** must be a solid supplier to meet the clients' needs for development, production, assembly, as well as servicing big, complex turnkey solutions.

For a long time, we've been thinking about our own engineering and development departments since we've basically been a contract manufacturer. So, when the opportunity came with such a solid company as **Aalborg Maskinfabrik**, we had to explore our options further", explains the Manager of the machine shop and assembly, Lars Christiansen.

As a united company, **STERKE** offers our clients a design, which has been developed by our engineering department, documented throughout the processes and certificates, just as our production, construction, assembly and service departments will be among the best with a size and volume, matching the clients' queries.

Moreover, Aalborg Maskinfabrik will solve a practical matter when it can relocate to new and bigger facilities, including 10,000 m2 production facilities and 2,000 m2 administration at Aalborg harbour. In 2019, Maskinfabrikken Fuglsang erected its factory 200 metres from the Limfjord since the size of future steel constructions requires access to docks and shipping.

AMBITIONS FOR THE FUTURE

In the future, the company will focus on three main areas:

- The production of complex steel constructions, especially for the wind and offshore industries where the quality requirements are high.
- Development, design and production of machines for transportation and lift of equipment, e.g. wind turbine wings.
- Specialised service and repairs, e.g. on hydraulic cylinders, gears and cutting by stock removal.

When all 150 employees and their competencies are united under one roof, our ambition is that the synergy among the departments will create an innovative environment, thus making Northern Jutland not only an attractive workplace, but also a solid, international player outside of Denmark, as well.

Aside from the core areas, this new, united company will focus on creating a solid and innovative workplace, in which all employees have the necessary prerequisites, qualifications and conditions for being able to carry out their work in a large scale.

AFTER THE MERGER ON 30 SEPTEMBER, THE MANAGEMENT IN THIS NEW COMPANY WILL CONSIST OF

Kim Palsgaard Thomsen

Manager of the engineering and service divisions

Christian Jørgensen

Manager of the production division

Lars Christiansen

Manager of the machine shop and assembly

Moreover, **Allan Jakobsen**, who has been chairman of the board in Aalborg Maskinfabrik since 2017, joins as Managing Director.

Kjeld Palsten joins as Financial Manager.

The proprietors behind this merged company are Kim Palsgaard Thomsen, Christian Jørgensen, Lars Christiansen, Allan Jakobsen, as well as Vækst-Invest Nordjylland.

THE COMPANY EXPLAINS ITS NEW NAME

We are called **STERKE** because we have been erected in order to construct, calculate and create solid steel constructions and elements. Our origin in Northern Jutland provides us with a solid foundation, giving us the necessary strength to reach out into the world, however, while never forgetting where we came from. The name derives from being strong, being a strong team and with connotations, such as determined, powerful, durable and wilful.

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