



Knowledge Transfer Partnerships



# To transform manufacturing processes with a focus on energy efficiency and carbon content

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**THE AIM OF THE KTP PROJECT** is to generate a **Sustainable Manufacturing Strategy** by integrating energy efficiency and carbon footprint transparency. This is to meet growing customer demands for detailed energy intensity and carbon information and position MAL as a leader in sustainable and low-carbon manufacturing.

The key objectives are to measure energy usage, principally electricity consumption, for various processes and provide detailed carbon footprint data at the component level. By leveraging advanced data collection and analysis, MAL will be able to monitor energy usage, identify inefficiencies, and demonstrate tangible impact.

**METAL ASSEMBLIES LTD (MAL)** produces press metal parts, machined components & welded assemblies for the automotive supply chain (accredited TS-16949:2016) with over 60 years' experience in the sector. Its customers are I<sup>st</sup> tier suppliers to OEMs e.g. Toyota, BMW and Nissan. About 25% of MAL's production is exported to Europe as well further afield to places like Mexico, Brazil, Turkey and Japan.



### **KTP BENEFITS**

#### The Company

- Development of the Sustainable
  Manufacturing Strategy (SMS)
- Developing the capability to report
  the "carbon content" of
  manufactured components
- Understand energy consumption data in manufacture at both the machine centre and component level.
- Development a systematic and rigorous approach to measuring carbon content.
- Embedding of the data-driven sustainable solutions



## <u>KTP Associate</u>

- Accelerated career in the field
  An extended teaching case on of Net Zero and Sustainable
   sustainable
   and
   digital
   operations,
   for
   final-year
- Practical application of the novel Aston University's
   Corporate Sustainability Fitness
   Model
- Leading on the Strategy
  development for the Company
- Comprehensive supervision and mentoring
- Professional and development



#### **Aston University**

- An extended teaching case on sustainable and digital operations, for final-year students, MBA and Executive Education at Aston Business School and beyond.
- Application of corporate sustainability fitness and sustainable operations strategy models developed by the academic team
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 Support of doctoral students, and early-career researchers with data collection and impactful publications.



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