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Subject: DLA Aviation Introduction to Metalcasting Plant Tour

Mr. Danko,

On behalf of the American Metalcasting Consortium, the Defense Logistics Agency, and DLA's Aviation Forging & Casting Assistance Team (AFCAT), I wish to thank you for hosting the tour of Danko Arlington this week. You provided an information-rich opportunity for DLA employee participants to learn about metalcasting processes and made metalcasting come to life for them. The opportunity you provided the tour attendees to see the entire manufacturing process - from pattern making and sand molding, casting, heat treating, machining, to final inspections by x-ray and coordinate measurement dimensional verifications was fantastic. Of particular interest to the DLA employees was the Stereo Lithography Rapid Prototype System they are now using on 30 current DLA contacts.

The American Metalcasting Consortium, a Department of Defense funded program through the Defense Logistics Agency, manages cutting-edge R&D of metalcasting technology. Our partnership with the most competitive and dynamic metalcasting companies, such as Danko Arlington, ensures relevance and value in the technology projects and a smooth transition into American private industry.

This foundry tour is part of an on-going effort to illustrate real-world industrial capabilities to DLA procurement personnel. Because of your efforts, the tour group was left with an excellent understanding of how American business stays on top in a competitive world. Everyone who attended the plant tour was extremely impressed. Feedback from the attendees showed that the tour added tremendous significance to the instructional material and was the highlight of the seminar experience for the DLA employees.

Thank you so much for your support and generosity!



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