

# Dundee manufacturing firm part of £5m scheme to create 'centre of excellence'

The Dundee firm has been chosen for the scheme, which will aim to address industry challenges and develop new technologies.

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Rautomead's continuous casting machine.

## **A Dundee firm plans to make the city a centre of excellence for manufacturing after it was included in a £5 million research programme.**

Rautomead, which makes continuous castings, has been chosen as one of nine early-stage prosperity partnerships across the UK.

The £5 million scheme has been created to address industry-driven challenges and develop of new technologies.

It is being funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC).

The Dundee link-up will look at developing new ways of producing specialist alloys by innovations to the continuous casting method.

Rautomead managing director Brian Frame said: "We are very pleased and grateful to have received the support of the prosperity partnership funding.

**“We look forward to creating a real centre of excellence for advanced alloys within the Dundee area.”**

**Mr Frame said the link with the university was a good fit for the firm, which is based at the Wester Gourdie Industrial Estate.**

**He added: “This project fits very neatly with our overall company strategy.**

**“The continued partnership with University of Dundee will undoubtedly enhance the productivity of this journey.”**



**Rautomead staff at work at the firm’s Dundee site.**

**The project will improve the design of continuous casting rigs that produce high-value, high-quality alloys.**

**It will identify the correct heat transport properties and material compatibility of a rig design.**

**It is hoped the project will contribute to the economic development of Dundee. The firm also hopes it will make the city a centre for alloy processing innovation.**

**Dr Thomas Jones, from the University of Dundee’s school of science and engineering, welcomed the news.**

**He said: “The partnership is a great opportunity for the Dundee area.**

**“It will support the collaboration of local industry, Rautomead Ltd and the University of Dundee.**

**“Together we will accelerate the development of a novel high-value manufacturing process, building on the work of our research team.”**