

Press release

K3D-AddFab scales for industrial additive manufacturing in high tech and aerospace

AddLab partners continue collaboration to increase capacity in 3D printing for series production

March 29, 2019, Eindhoven, The Netherlands – In 2013 AddLab was one of the first open innovation centers for 3D metal printing in Eindhoven. Today the partners KMWE, NTS-Group, Machinefabriek De Valk and K3D have announced to take their collaboration to the next level and scale their shared facility for true series production for applications in high-tech equipment and aerospace while changing the name to K3D-AddFab. K3D already succeeded to implement their first collaboration in Terborg. After the purchase of their first MetalFAB1 in 2016, more than 45.000 industrial applications have been printed. Since K3D is acting as organizing partner, K3D-AddFab will be the second center in their growing distributed manufacturing network in The Netherlands. K3D-AddFab has teamed up with the Dutch industrial 3D printing equipment manufacturer Additive Industries, who will also provide process & application development support. The MetalFAB1 system of K3D-AddFab will be installed at the brand new Brainport Industries Campus (BIC) in Eindhoven and was handed over to the partners at Additive Industries headquarters in Eindhoven.

“We are proud to be able to take our unique collaboration in industrial additive manufacturing to the next phase and scale for series production of high-tech equipment parts and aerospace components. The K3D-AddFab team will be integral part of the K3D network of 3D Printing Centers allowing for load balancing, volume sharing and materials pooling”, said Luuk Wissink, CEO of K3D. “Within K3D-AddFab we will jointly work on our development projects for the high-tech industry and aerospace customers like Airbus. The colocation on BIC allows us to combine additive technologies with our core-business in subtractive processes like milling and turning”, added Edward Voncken, CEO of KMWE and Chairman of Brainport Industries. “For us K3D-AddFab will be the testbed for distributed manufacturing in demanding markets as well as an extra training and demonstration center around the corner from our headquarters. In a close partnership we will be able to accelerate learning that started when we opened AddLab almost six years ago”, concluded Jan-Cees Santema, Sales Director Europe of Additive Industries.

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More information can be found on the Press Page on the www.additiveindustries.com website.



In the picture from left to right: Hans Reutelingsperger (NTS), Paul Neggens (NTS), Jaap Bulsink (K3D), John Hagelaars (Machinefabriek de Valk), Edward Voncken (KMWE), Luuk Wissink (K3D), Jan-Cees Santema (Additive Industries), Ilko Bosman (Additive Industries) and Daan Kersten (Additive Industries).

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About Additive Industries



Additive Industries is accelerating industrial additive manufacturing of high quality, functional, metal parts by offering a modular end-to-end 3D printing system including a seamlessly integrated information platform to high end and demanding industrial markets. With substantially improved reproducibility, productivity, and flexibility, Additive Industries redefines the business case for series production of additive manufacturing applications in aerospace, automotive, medical technology and high-tech equipment.

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About K3D

K3D offers Dutch industry easy access to 3D Printing capacity, knowledge, full design and manufacturing support to maximize the benefits of additive manufacturing. K3D also offers business case development and training sessions for the additive manufacturing market. Cooperating rather than competing is part of the core business. Interested companies can participate in shared facilities called “K3D Printing Technology Centers”. These centers will be located in strategic locations close to partners for specific end markets such as aerospace, defense, medical devices, food-tech and high-tech systems.