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THE IMPROVE GROUP'S LAUNCHES W.A. OFFICE TO SUPPORT "AUSTRALIAN-MADE" MANUFACTURING

The Improve Group, Australasia's leading productivity improvement provider, has committed to supporting the Western Australian manufacturing and process industries by launching a Perth-based branch.

The Improve Group has been providing successful Competitive Manufacturing coaching and consulting to industry throughout Australia and New Zealand. Its expansion into Western Australia has come due to industry demand. The Improve Group's programs, which are based on world-class "Lean" principles, provide coaching to manufactures on how to reduce waste, improve process and sustain a new "lean" approach to production, which in turn increases production and revenue.

Managing Director Bob Carter said "Australian manufacturers are consistently battling to keep manufacturing in Australia. Many have moved overseas when what they really needed to do was search for the alternatives in their own country. We have committed to a branch and coaching staff in Western Australia because we believe manufacturers are looking for change and need it now. We are already working with Walsh's Glass and are about to confirm programs with a number of other large W.A. based organisations."

Our Perth-based Excellence Coach, David Richens, will be working with Walsh's Glass' team of twelve participants and is looking forward to a busy schedule. He said "I'm pretty excited about bringing Competitive Manufacturing to W.A. because I've seen just how it can turn things around for any business. If we can spread the "lean" word and help just one company increase their profits, then we've done our job".

David is a UK qualified Manufacturing Engineering and Manufacturing Management professional. Before joining the Improve Group, David was employed by a UK Industry Forum, providing training and consultancy through the United Kingdom's Department of Trade and Industry, Manufacturing Advisory Service. David has extensive world-class experience and has held a number of positions including Process Engineering, Projects Engineering and Senior Engineering roles at a Toyota Group Company (Denso Manufacturing UK Limited), Sandvik Coromant and Caterpillar.

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