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No Tiring of Stoke with New Investment

Malcolm Harbour MEP has welcomed the news that the future of skilled workers in Stoke-on-Trent is more secure following the news that Michelin's Remix truck tyre retreading operation will benefit from a multi-million pound investment. A total of £20 million over a five-year period is to be invested in developing the current operation enabling new technological advances to be implemented.

The investment will mean that skills will be updated and that the eventual products should be both more durable and environmentally friendly.

The Conservative MEP has taken a close interest in the plant's development plans and has visited the shop floor to see the operation for himself.

He said,

"I believe that the future of manufacturing industry depends on raising skill levels and adopting technological advances. We must modernise and constantly strive for high quality and a reputation for high standards. The wealth of the West Midlands has always relied on these characteristics and this is no time to neglect this proven success formula.

This investment in Michelin will secure a strong base from which re-manufactured tyres for trucks, coaches and buses could be exported across Europe. This is a beacon of hope as we struggle to emerge from this long economic depression. I wish the company and its staff all the very best for their future in North Staffordshire."

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Editors notes: Attached are photographs of Malcolm Harbour MEP taken on his last visit to the factory. Malcolm Harbour is a member of the Conservative Business Team.

