



## THE COMPANY

#### The Company, Strategy and Direction

Hale Hamilton is a leader in the design, manufacture, supply and support of high performance fluid control equipment, designed to perform under critical conditions of pressure and cleanliness, to satisfy demanding technical requirements worldwide.



1,200m² machine shop - 3-axis CNC lathe (foreground)

In support of our customers, as a design authority, our principal asset is the knowledge, experience and commitment of our people. Through this expertise we provide a comprehensive package of products and associated product support services, competitively priced, to the required quality, on time and with a full spares and service backup.

To meet the expectations of our customers and to ensure a satisfactory return for our shareholders, progress will be achieved through innovation in design and development. Growth in our chosen markets will be driven by the introduction of new fluid control products and the continuous improvement of existing products, employee core skills and manufacturing processes.



Semi-CNC lathe (inset machining submarine blow valve)

#### **Facilities and Resources**

#### **SAP ERP System, supporting:**

• Sales, Engineering, Production, Quality Assurance, Customer Service, Finance & Administration

### SolidWorks® 3D Computer Aided Design (CAD) System, linked to:

- DBWorks® PDM (Product Data Management) System, supported with:
- Hewlett Packard ME10 2D CAD System
- Licom Alpha Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) System, allowing the transfer of design details to the CNC machines

#### Comprehensive manufacturing facility, including:

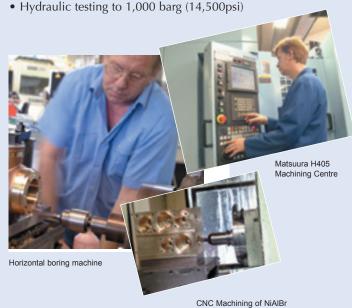
- 1,200m² machine shop, equipped with modern CNC, semi-CNC and manual machines
- Matsuura H405 horizontal machining centre
- 800m² Assembly and Testing facility, containing automated cleaning plant, hydrostatic pressure test rigs, dedicated pressure test rigs for hydraulic equipment and for air, oxygen and other gaseous fluid applications.
- Class 100 Clean Rooms incorporating Class 10 Assembly areas, with Mass Spectrometry (Edwards 5000) gas analysis facility

#### Manufacturing Cell, equipped with:

• Abrasive flow machining (AFM), Electro-polishing (EPOL), Electro-chemical de-burring, automated part marking, automated cleaning plant and co-ordinate measuring machine (CMM) inspection

#### **Development Test Facilities, with:**

 $\bullet$  Functional gas testing to 600 barg (8,700psi), 110nm /min and a temperature range of -65°C to +120°C



Manifold Block

## DESIGN CAPABILITY / INNOVATION

## Design Capability A product to meet your exact requirements

A core competence of Hale Hamilton is the ability to develop products to meet the exact requirements of our customers. A proven track record in providing creative solutions has provided our customers with reliable, durable and cost effective fluid control equipment with cost of ownership minimised by design.

#### **Applications Engineering**

A team of fluid control design engineers work together with our sales resource, our customers world-wide and with our production management in the provision of engineering support services.

#### **New Product Development**

The Company's growth in its chosen markets has been and continues to be driven by the introduction of new fluid control products and systems. Significant resource is dedicated to this activity in the form of experienced design engineers, dedicated development workshops and the necessary project management expertise.

#### **Innovation**

Today Hale Hamilton's Defence market customers may benefit from the progress made in the design of innovative fluid control systems and system components for the Company's Industrial market customers. Applications in areas such as industrial gas filling, gas turbine control and sub-sea valve actuation are providing developments in defence applications featuring automated component control and PLC system control, such as Automated Cylinder Filling (ACF) Systems for charging ship's fire-fighting breathing air bottles.

#### **Value Engineering**

In recognising that our Defence customers' today place great emphasis on product and project costs, everyone at Hale Hamilton is focused on delivering equipment that meets our customers' Statement of Requirements (SOR) without undue cost, complication or delay.

Cost Of Ownership (COO) is a key design driver, with the consideration of a product's though-life cost often bearing greater significance than that of its initial purchase price.









3D CAD Work Station



Hydraulic Test Rig to 1000 barg (14,500 psi)

### **Systems Engineering**

Turnkey solutions to fluid control systems' requirements are an established capability and for defence customers this means we are able to offer a larger and more integrated scope of supply; on a warship we will provide the complete systems engineering and supply for the high pressure down to the low pressure systems. Some general examples are:

PLC Driven Air Distribution Panel



 designed to control the supply of air from two compressors on to a high pressure ring main. This system was designed, manufactured, installed and commissioned by Hale Hamilton personnel.

Ultra High Purity (UHP) Gas Control Cabinet



 designed for direct 'hook-up' to our customers semi-conductor fabrication tool.

## MARKETS / TRACK RECORD

#### Sea

Hale Hamilton valves, reducing stations/ pressure reducing manifolds and control panels are to be found in extensive use by Navies worldwide.

Typical applications include: main engine starting air, auxiliary engine starting air, diesel generator starting air, low pressure air supply from high pressure system, torpedo launching air, air reservoir charging, breathing air bottle charging and aviation services air supply equipment.

#### **Submarines**

Typical applications include: pneumatic and hydraulic valves used in weapons' handling, weapons' discharge and submerged signal ejection (SSE) systems, specialist hydraulic systems' valves, through-hull valves, ballast tank blow valves, emergency built-in breathing system (BIBS), submarine emergency escape (SEIE) system, Hood Inflation System (HIS) Pressure Controller and Stole Charging Valve (SCV).

#### Air

Hale Hamilton air, oxygen and nitrogen charging equipment is in use today with air forces, civilian operators and ground support units around the world.

#### **Support Systems**

The Company's Ground Support Equipment (GSE) includes single, twin and multi-cylinder charging trolleys/ trailers. Hale Hamilton is a preferred supplier of Portable GSE to the UK Royal Air Force (RAF) Air Support (AS) IPT, and offer a very compact, light-weight, robust portable charging unit for air, oxygen or nitrogen charging. (see picture opposite)

#### **Pure Air Generation**

Hale Hamilton is a supplier of dedicated design miniature solenoid and relief valves that are used in systems generating high pressure pure air. Reliability and durability are key operational requirements.

#### **Thrust Vector Control**

The Company is a supplier on to the Sea Wolf missile programme, with a dedicated design miniature solenoid valve used in the directional control of the weapon on launch. Here reliability is a critical operational requirement.

#### Land

The Company is an established supplier, with equipment in-service on the Challenger 2 main battle tank, for example.

#### **Military Vehicles**

Hale Hamilton supplies both pneumatic and hydraulic equipment for the following applications:

- Variable height suspension systems reference to air-transportability
- Adaptive damping systems reference to human factors for personnel transport
- 'Locked' suspension systems reference to stabilisation of engineer tanks.
- Over pressure systems reference to NBC Collective Protection (Colpro).

#### **Towed Field Artillery**

Hale Hamilton is a supplier on the BAE SYSTEMS Ultra Light-weight Field Howitzer (UFH) gun. The specialist hydraulic valves are used to lower and raise the gun to and from its ground firing position to its towing position.



HMS Vanguard - photo courtesy of BAE SYSTEMS





- Sea Wolf missile



Armoured Vehicle

Drive-train and suspension



#### **Facilities**

The Company undertakes turnkey design, supply and installation projects for defence contractors and naval dockyards world-wide.



Typical infrastructure projects include the design, installation and support of: emergency breathing air systems for military installations, the installation of dock or shore-based gaseous valve & pipe-work systems, and the provision of the complete compressed air system, including breathing air compressors for navy diver training facilities such as that shown above:



### PRODUCTS / APPLICATIONS

## Reducing Stations / Manifolds / Panels

A Reducing Station (RDS) is a minor system of control valves, usually embodied in a single forged Nickel Aluminium Bronze (or Stainless Steel) block, that fulfils the function of the safe control and reduction of high pressure stored/ generated air down to a lower pressure to suit the specified application. The containment of the control valves within the forged block offers their protection from shock, vibration and mechanical damage, whilst providing a compact space envelope.



Type 45 Destroyer photo courtesy of BAE SYSTEMS



RDS134 MILSPEC High Flow

#### **Gas Turbine Start**

This application requires a high flow rate of air at typically 30-40 barg with a limit on the maximum permissible outlet pressure, to avoid damaging the air starting unit.

#### **Diesel Engine & Diesel Generator Start**



In the mid-1990's, the Company developed a range of 'New Generation Reducing Stations' (NGRS) – each reducing station feature's valve inserts from the Company's Series 30 cartridge valve range. The benefit from using valve inserts is that a faulty valve insert can be quickly replaced by a spare insert and the manifold can be re-pressurised with minimal system outage/ down-time.

### **High/Low Pressure Cross Connection**



Typically the lower pressure requirements on a ship are serviced by taking a reduced pressure air supply from the ship's high pressure local supply or ring-main.

### **Torpedo Charging / Weapon System Supply**

This is a relatively low flow application, with a relatively high outlet pressure, which allows a spring-loaded controller to be used rather than a dome-loaded pressure controller, with a physically smaller reducing station as a direct result. The NGRS range offers a typically smaller space envelope and light weight, when compared to other such equipment for comparable applications.

NGRS Pressure Controller

### **Automated Cylinder Filling - ACF**

The picture opposite shows a typical layout for an Automated Cylinder Filling (ACF) Panel, where the Company's vast experience in the design of Industrial Cylinder Filling Plant has been developed to provide military users with a product offering safe, rapid and consistent bottle charging. The hazards from over-pressurising and over-heating are removed.

#### **Bottle Head Assemblies**

The air from the main high pressure air reservoirs on a surface ship is typically distributed from the reservoir through a Hale Hamilton bottle head assembly, direct mounted or bulkhead mounted, such as shown below;



Bottle drain assembly

DG Start Reducing

## New Generation Reducing Stations CONFIGURATION OF PRODUCT → Pressure Reducing Station INLET FETER 1 DILET STOP VALVE 3 - HP VENT 4 - PRESIDE ONTROLLER 5 - MP LF VENT 4 - AFTO SHETEOVEN VALVE LAND AMOV RELIEF VALVE 5 - OUTLET PREMIERE RELIEF VALVE OUTLET PREMIERE GASCE 10 - RY AND STOP VALVE

#### **SURFACE SHIPS**

Invincible Class CVS Type 42 Destroyers Type 45 Destroyers Type 23 Frigates Type 22 Frigates Sandown Class SRMH Hunt Class MH LPD/ LPH/ AOR/ RFA

#### **AUSTRALIA**

**Anzac Frigates** Huon Class MH

#### BRA7II

Inhauma Class Frigates Niterói Class Frigates

#### **BRUNEI**

Corvette

#### **CANADA**

Halifax Class Frigates

#### **DENMARK** Nils Juel Class Corvettes

**GERMANY** 

Brandenburg Class (123) Frigates Bremen Class (122) Frigates

MEKO 200 Mk3 Class Frigates Super Vita Class Attack Craft

#### **INDIA**

Delhi Class Destroyers Godavari Class Frigates Khurkri Class Corvettes

Lupo Class Frigates Meastrale Class Frigates Minerva Class Corvettes

#### **NORWAY**

Oslo Class Frigates

#### **NETHERLANDS**

Air Defence & Command Frigates Karel Doorman Class Frigates Kortenaer Class Frigates Alkmaar Class MH

#### **OMAN**

Vigilance Class Corvettes **Province Class Patrol Boats** 

#### **PORTUGAL**

MEKO 200 Class Frigates

#### **QATAR**

Vitar Class Patrol Boats **KSA** Al Jawf Class SRMH

Alvarode Bazan Class Frigates Segura Class MH

AOE(V) Class FCS Ship

## Panels / Breathing Air Systems

Hale Hamilton has a long track record in the supply of panels used with weapon systems, for cooling & maintaining dry environs and for breathing air and diving air applications.

#### **Breathing Air (BA) Cylinder Charging**

A typical application on a naval vessel is the provision of a controlled supply of breathing quality air required to charge portable breathing air cylinders used in emergency situations, such as fire fighting or damage control. Automated Cylinder Filling systems are now available for both BA and DA charging.



### **Diving Air (DA) Cylinder Charging**

Diver's bottles may be charged on board ship from a dedicated Hale Hamilton Charging Panel, often supplied complete with two stage filtration. See panel opposite:



Breathing Air/ Diving Air Filtration & Supply Panel

#### **Aviation Services**

Hale Hamilton supplies the standard NATO Air Panel, deployed on naval vessels world-wide, and used for charging fixed wing & rotary aircraft air systems. Panels controlling the Supply of Oxygen and Nitrogen are also supplied, which can be trolley mounted. Portable Charging Units (PCU) are also available:







### **Breathing Air Systems**

Hale Hamilton is considered a Design Authority by many of its customers. A number of our design and development personnel have specific expertise in our customer's systems, such as submarine escape and the supply of emergency breathing air:

#### **Built-in Breathing System**

The BIBS system (panel or manifold) comprises all the valves necessary to control the dedicated clean air supply used during a planned escape from a submarine. The complete system senses the escape compartment pressure, maintaining a constant positive supply of breathing air to the submariners preparing to escape.

#### **Hood Inflation System (H.I.S)**

escaping submariner.

The HIS system valves comprise a primary pressure regulator, a main pressure controller and a charging connection. At the 'heart' of the system is the HIS Pressure Controller. This valve is mounted in a submarine's escape tower and tracks the rising pressure as flooding takes place. It must respond to the changing tower pressure, meeting the demand of the submarine escape immersion suit and maintaining a positive air supply to the



G24 Pressure Controller
– primary regulator

#### **SUBMARINES**

#### UK

Astute Class Vanguard Class Trafalgar Class Swiftsure Class

#### **AUSTRALIA**

Collins Class

#### BRA7II

Type 209/ 1400

#### **CANADA**

Victoria Class (T2400)

#### FRANCE

Triomphant Class Daphné Class

#### **GERMANY**

U212 Class

#### **GREECE**

Type 209/ 1200 Type 209/ 1100

#### **INDIA**

Type 209/ 1500

#### ITALY

Sauro Class

#### **NETHERLANDS**

Walrus Class Zwaardvis Class

#### **NORWAY**

Type 207/ Type 210

#### **SPAIN**

Scorpene (S90) program

#### **SWEDEN**

Gotland Class Västergötland Class Näcken Class

#### **TAIWAN**

Zwaardvis Class

#### **TURKEY**

Type 209/ 1400 Type 209/ 1200

#### USA

Ohio Class Seawolf Class Los Angeles Class



auro Class - photo courtesy of Italian Navy

## Standard Product Range / In-Line Valves

Hale Hamilton offer a very large number of different fluid control products and a sample of the standard range is shown below; a more comprehensive product overview may be found from our website or by requesting a copy of our Product Catalogue.

#### **Regulators / Controllers**

Two basic types of Pressure Controller are offered; dome loaded controllers and spring loaded regulators. Both types are used to reduce pressure.

### **Manual Stop Valves**

A wide variety of stop valves, suitable for working pressures from zero up to 414 bag (6,000psi) are available. Most Hale Hamilton stop valves are fully pressure balanced and thus require a very small operating torque, even at the highest pressures. Many valves in the range are suitable for both pneumatic and hydraulic applications.

These valves are approved by the UK Ministry of Defence.



SV47 balanced stop valve



RL3 LP Dome Controller

N6 balanced



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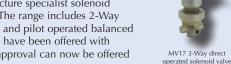
N8 balanced stop valve



WSV3 Series 30 stop

#### **Solenoid Valves**

Hale Hamilton design & manufacture specialist solenoid valves for defence applications. The range includes 2-Way and 3-Way direct, pilot operated and pilot operated balanced solenoid valves. Where products have been offered with BASEEFA approval, today ATEX approval can now be offered if required.





Pressures from as low as 0.03 barg (0.45psi) up to pressures in excess of 550 barg (8,000psi) are accommodated by our range of relief valves, available in a choice of different materials to suit the operating medium.



relief valve

NRS1 in-line









NRS2 in-line



#### **Non-Return Valves**

Our standard NRS range of in-line non-return valves feature a mitre seat with 'o'-ring insert to ensure a leak-tight shut-off with an efficient flow path. The valves are but lightly spring loaded to enable positive operation at any angle of installation.

### **Back Pressure Maintaining Valves**

A choice of valves with either a spring loaded diaphragm or a spring loaded piston are available, providing accurate control of back-pressure in a gas of hydraulic system.

#### **Filters**

Hale Hamilton offer in-line filters of the sintered bronze type or of stainless steel wire wound on a brass former. Pressures up to 414 barg (6,000psi) may be accommodated.

### **Pipe Couplings and Adapters**

To facilitate the installation of our valves, a large range of high integrity couplings and adapters is available in a choice of materials to suit the fluid medium and pipe-work. Pipe couplings and adapters from other approved OEMS's may also be specified.





Non-magnetic bulkhead coupling assembly

### Actuated / Motorised Stop Valves



The Company manufacture a range of gas actuated stop valves, where a pilot pressure of air or nitrogen is used to open or close the valve. Electric and Hydraulic actuators are also available. The motorised stop valve (above) is specified on the UK RN's Type 45 destroyer.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

#### **Services**

- Engineering Technical Support Testing
- Development Prototyping HAZOP
- FMECA Test Specifications Cycle Testing
- Operating Manuals
   Service Instructions
- Value Engineering •Interface Drawings
- Project Management Design Services
- Specifications
   System Integration
- Field Services Shock & Vibration Testing
- General Arrangement Drawings
   Warranty
- Environmental Stress Screening NDT

#### **Repairs**

The service, repair and refurbishment of valves is a key activity for Hale Hamilton. It is economical to repair most Hale Hamilton equipment, either at the factory or on-site. Valves are returned to the customer complete with a new certificate of conformity.

#### **Product Support**

Hale Hamilton product support personnel are available for installation, commissioning, trials, test, maintenance, repair or re-certification. Our personnel are also available to work together with our customer's engineers, where capacity or capability is required.

#### **Integrated Logistics Support(ILS)**

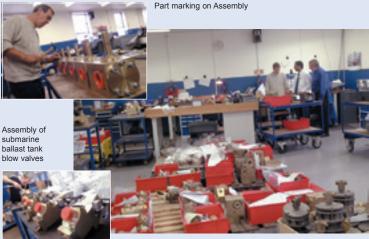
Data gathered from existing product in-service, failure rate analysis and RM&T data, all contributes at the design phase to an assessment of an equipment's supportability and total cost of ownership. The principle and application of whole life costing is applied by design.

#### Reliability, Availability, **Maintainability & Testability** (RAM&T)

RMA&T requirements, RGT and RCM are first considered at the design stage, together with other issues, such as Human Factors (MMI), risk management and safety case.



Product support team on the road



Repair valves on Assembly



Refurbishment of a dome controller



Pressure testing a reducing station

# **Spares**

Hale Hamilton support defence customers world-wide with the supply of individual component parts, part kits, valve sub-assemblies, valve inserts, fasteners and rubber items. Complete valve assemblies can be supplied as system spares.



Kitting an order for Assembly



NGRS Controller insert spare

#### **Contractor Logistics Support(CLS)**

In specific customer contracts, we are able to offer an appropriate level of logistic support, such as Scheduled Maintenance activities, Vendor Managed Inventory (VMI), all the elements of Through Life Support (TLS), specific product/ system Configuration Management, Documentation Management and Risk Assessment for example.

#### **Training**

Courses tailored to meet the needs of our customers are run throughout the year.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE / APPROVALS**

#### IS09001:2000

Hale Hamilton are accredited by LRQA to ISO9001: 2000 (August 2003).

#### ATEX/ PED/ TPED

Other statutory and regulatory requirements met by Hale Hamilton include the ATEX Directive (94/9/EC), European Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) and Transportable Pressure Equipment Directive (TPED).

#### **Fully Traceability**

All products and systems will be supplied complete with a QA Certificate of Conformity.

Where a customer requires equipment to be fully traceable, in terms of raw material supply, process records and assembly and test data, this service is available.



#### **Classification Society Approval**

The Company regularly undertake project work under the auspices of Lloyds Register of Shipping (LR), Germanisher Lloyd (GL), DNV and other such regulatory bodies.







CMM - Coordinate Measuring Machine

### **Quality Plans**

A project specific Quality Plan is available to support individual customer requirements.

#### **Customer Approvals**

Approval and inspection by our customers' quality assurance representatives is standard. The Company is an Approved Supplier to the UK MOD, US DOD, Naval Dockyards and Defence Ministries worldwide, and to BAE SYSTEMS, Rolls Royce, Weir Strachan & Henshaw and many other global Defence Contractors.

#### **Customer Service**

Our aim is to provide our customers with the most consistent and reliable products and service, designed and manufactured to meet their requirements and delivered on time.

Our quality control system has been developed to meet this aim first time, every time. We are committed to achieving these product and service standards, and to achieving total customer satisfaction.



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