

JOBS BOO THE WAY

A RECORD-breaking Stroud engineering firm is predicting a jobs boost for the town as they bid to capture massive new export orders.

Paul Jones, sales director of Redler Ltd., subject of a multi-million pounds management buy out earlier this year, made the prediction today.

The firm, Britain's leading malt plant contractors, has just shown off its latest technology at Drinktec-Interbrau, the international exhibition for the brewing industry, in Munich.

"We are optimistic for the future and already have a record order book worth many millions of pounds," stated Mr. Jones.

"If the trend continues there is

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every likelihood we shall have to increase our current payroll of 280 workers, but at this stage it would be premature to say by how many.'

The Redler stand at the prestigious exhibition in Germany attracted interest from customers worldwide.

Mr. Jones said: "It was a fantastic success and we are confident of winning new orders from customers in India, Italy and Spain despite intense competition from rivals around the world.

"At this very moment one of our marketing managers is out in the Far East negotiating other major contracts."

In addition, to cope with growing demand, the company has just set up a new machinery sales department to sell and market its range of standard products for hi-tech conveyor and elevator systems.

The firm founded by flour miller Arnold Redler moved to Stroud from Sharpness in 1934 and has steadily expanded ever since.

A £4.5 million malting plant — one of the biggest orders in the company's history — has just been completed in China.

Four giant Redler grain silos, costing £5 million are currently under construction for the Turkish Government. In 1980 the firm was awarded the coveted Queen's Award for Export.