

# JOBS BOO

# £<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>m DEAL

STROUD engineering firm Redler are looking for more workers following a £½ million order and a general upturn in business.

Jubilant sales director Paul Jones confirmed that the company would be increasing its 300-strong workforce at Dudbridge in Stroud after a string of business deals.

The latest boost to business is a deal clinched with Reading-based boilermakers Foster Wheeler Power Products.

Redler bosses expect sales to rise by 25 per cent this year and say new jobs are part of the firm's expansion programme, although no specific figures have yet been released.

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Mr. Jones said the deal, which involves high-technology equipment for handling coal and gravel, proves the company has pulled through lean times in their market and adapted to modern conditions.

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"In recent years, the decline of the coal industry has meant a lot of boiler makers, who are our main customers, have gone out of business.

"It is a good-size deal for the company. Most of our orders are

less than £100,000," said Mr. Jones.

Redler was founded in Sharpness by flour miller Arnold and moved to Stroud in 1934. The company has made headlines in recent years with big orders from China and Turkey.

"Winning this important order against some very strong competition highlights our established position as one of the leading manufacturers of bulk handling equipment and our ability to meet every contract situation," said Mr. Jones.

The order for conveyors to move coal into boilers will be installed later this year in a new power plant being built in Slough.