

The energy-saving frontline

AS a specialist contractor providing heating, cooling, lighting and many other electrical services for buildings, Stonehouse company EESI is in the frontline of the battle to help its clients become more energy efficient.

Now EESI has signed up to the 10:10 campaign, pledging to reduce its own carbon emissions by 10 per cent, as well as helping its clients to reduce their environmental impact too.

Mike Gardiner, managing director at EESI, said: "Whatever kind of building you're in, we all need heating, lighting, cooling and hot water, and consume some kind of energy. Our clients' properties range from large factories to modern offices, listed buildings to churches, but our job is to find the right solution



that will help them reduce their energy bills and carbon emissions. Our emphasis on environmental solutions – Energy Efficient Systems Installed – is there to help businesses that want to make a change.

"Every part of the building industry has a huge role to play in meeting the UK's targets to reduce carbon emissions, so EESI has been taking this seriously for some time. And the more our business has become focused on delivering environmental

solutions for our clients, the more we have looked at our own company – challenging ourselves to reduce our environmental impact.

"That's why we've signed up to 10:10 and we're also working towards ISO14001 which is an international standard to assess our own environmental management systems.

"It's another reason why we're so committed to the Gloucestershire Business United campaign too – we'd much rather be conducting business in the local area, reducing the need to send our teams out on the road further afield. We run diesel vans, and cutting our mileage will form one of the measures we'll look at for 10:10."

To find out more about EESI's environmental solutions or its involvement in Gloucestershire Business United, email gbu@eesi.co.uk.



■ **FOCUSED:** Mike Gardiner says EESI aims to reduce its environmental impact

Client saw the light with environmentally friendly systems



■ **AID:** Stephen Farthing

ONE of EESI's clients, Norman Precision in Stonehouse, was an early advocate of environmental solutions, opting for an energy saving lights system.

Divisional manager (electrical), Stephen Farthing said: "You could say they 'saw the light' earlier than many and took a very forward-looking approach to solving their lighting problems.

"Norman Precision came to us 18 months ago as they

were having difficulty lighting their factories to the right standard. They needed a better spectrum of lighting within their workshop to comply with the nature of the work carried out. We suggested a form of intelligent lighting, which monitors the amount of light in the room and will alter the amount of light supplied accordingly. The system can be set to meet the level of lighting required and in some instances even

turn the lighting off if the lighting levels are high enough due to sunlight."

Kevin Norman, managing partner at Norman Precision, specialists in precision engineering, said: "We have worked with EESI for a long time for machine installation and general support. We were aware that the lighting we had in the workshop was not enabling us to work to our full potential so approached EESI for a solution. We im-

mediately noticed a difference when the new lighting system was fitted. It has had a very positive impact on our work and reduced our energy bills. The system has met our needs by adding clarity to the work we do and has made a big improvement for staff.

"As a company committed to minimising the impact we have on the environment, this is has been a very important step for us. We already have ISO14001 and

employ a specialist system to minimise landfill, and are always looking for ways to be environmentally friendly.

"We'd encourage anyone responsible for running a building to consider the most energy efficient alternatives. We can all make a positive step to help the environment and 'green solutions' are no longer the futuristic, complex products they may have once seemed."