

# NEWS FLASH

## What's new at Accra-Fab...?

### **Accra-Fab Goes Green**

Concerned with the carbon foot-print left in the wake of the disposal of waste water generated from Accra-Fab's value added in-house plating line, Accra-Fab installed a closed loop zero carbon footprint waste water treatment system. Our in-house plating line generated thousands of gallons of waste water that could not be re-used again in the plating process. Instead, it had to be collected for disposal. This waste water was pumped into a tanker-truck, monthly, and shipped-out for proper disposal. Now, with our newly installed closed loop system, 100% of the water is recycled, processed and reused.

### **Accra-Fab upgrades its shop floor lighting -**

Accra-Fab replaced its 300 + metal halide shop lights, upgrading them with the latest in high efficiency lighting. Installing these high-output, extremely efficient electronic ballast florescent lights both increased the luminosity by 30% and used less electricity –as initially promised. In short, Accra-Fab realized a significant cost savings on its monthly electric bill.

### **Accra-Fab pushes the boundaries of low volume – high mix cellular manufacturing**

Typically, batch type manufacturing is indicative of low volume – high mix manufacturing. But not at Accra-Fab. With their well-structured Lean initiative, the Production Teams at Accra-Fab held several Kaizen events and cultivated their manufacturing processes. Beyond driving towards cellular manufacturing, they're also pushing the boundaries of value-stream manufacturing techniques. This breakthrough in manufacturing techniques is scheduled to be completely rolled out by mid-July, transforming Accra-Fab's entire production process. Through continuous improvement strategies, such as those detailed in this newsletter, Accra-Fab demonstrates its commitment to stay ahead of the competition.

### **Accra-Fab's unwavering commitment to train staff is paying off**

While other companies are cutting back, Accra-Fab is pushing to invest even more into its most valuable assets by continuing the training of its staff. Unlike the typical seminars others undertake, Sr. Management insisted upon the continuing development of the staff within all facets of the business, including management, production, operations, quality and more. Over the first half of this year, Accra-Fab booked hundreds of hours in employee training. "The talent that has developed at Accra-Fab is quite impressive. The complexity of the products we now produce and the size of the projects that we are able to take on is truly amazing" bragged Greg Konkol, CFO and one of the two principles of Accra-Fab.