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## Rochdale Business Awards 2012 Finalist



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# Farrel Ltd at the cutting edge of global engineering

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RESEARCH, engineering and manufacturing specialists Farrel Limited is celebrating a successful year which has seen it continue to grow.

The company has been named as a finalist for Business of the Year with a turnover of more than £5m at this year's Rochdale Business Awards.

Farrel Limited, on Queensway in Castleton, had its origins in the late 1880s when David Bridge began the business, specialising in high quality industrial mixers synonymous with high quality and, recently, cutting edge technology.

American-company Farrel acquired Bridge's in the late 1960s and it was bought out by Harburg Freudenberger in 2008.

Since then the firm has spread across the globe and its UK operation has gone from strength to strength.

Ian Wilson, board director at the Queensway site, said: "The business has changed significantly over the past couple of years and have gone through a big

restructure.

"We have always been a big global company but we are now a very large group of companies and are part of the same group as some of our previous competitors.

"We have seen the UK turnover go from about £18m to £20m a few years ago to £32m.

"There has been significant growth.

"So I thought it was the best time to go for the award."

Mr Wilson added: "The business is very strong at the moment and for manufacturing it is good news.

"We are very happy to be nominated and it gives the company some prestige and kudos to be on that shortlist."

The company currently employs 159 at the Queensway site.

It primarily supplies process equipment for the rubber and plastics industries.

Farrel is also at the forefront of development and innovation in the polymer processing industry.



**GROWTH** Director Ian Wilson says the manufacturing operation at Farrel Ltd is strong

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