

Pre-production tour

Northglass AG-series Forced Convection furnace installed 18 months ago, allows toughened glass production in sheet sizes up to 5m x 2.8m

A new 20,000sq ft factory extension combined with further upgrades in the company's production facilities, have been completed by Apeer the Ballymena-based manufacturer of Apeer composite entrance doors and Lumi windows and doors. The investment



completes the latest phase of the company's five-year investment and development plan begun in 2017.

Occupying a 7.2 acre site the company's head office and production facilities now total 140,000²ft with all services now fully self-contained, including the production of door blanks through to completed door sets for Apeer residential doors; fabrication of all Lumi windows, sliding and entrance doors; and all of the company's glass requirements. □



The second paint line installed for Apeer composite doors is now supplemented by a second insulating core press used for the production of the company's GRP-faced composite door panels, which combined will allow more than 1000 two colour doors to be manufactured each week, entirely in house

One of several test facilities. Every door is set up to work perfectly before delivery. Apeer employs 13 testers who have complete independence within the company and exercise total control over the final product



Apeer MD, Asa McGillian says: "Our focus is now very much on marketing, with some exceptional support programmes being developed to provide high quality leads for Apeer and Lumi retail partners. Our composite doors – especially the Silka range – and new Lumi replacement window which were launched last year at the FIT Show, are enjoying excellent sales growth and we will work hard to ensure this continues."