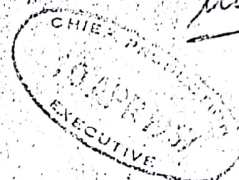


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MITCHELDEAN
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12 miles west of Gloucester. Well situated for communications :
M5, M6, M50, A40, Severn Bridge, BRISTOL, BIRMINGHAM,
LONDON, ETC. Good local pool of labour.

Original B.A.F. factory in old brewery, occupied in 1940,
(Brewery was subject of a takeover during 1930s). During
the war we manufactured film projectors and precision
defence equipment.

1946 - a long term agreement with Bell & Howell, Chicago, to
manufacture their photographic equipment under licence -
then approximately 150 employees. Bell & Howell production
then built up, resulting in 800 employees by 1959. Floor
space increased from 40,000 sq. ft. in 1947 to 150,000 in
1959.

1959 - Major decision - cut back camera production and start
off Xerographic production - the 914. Dramatic increase
in demand for Rank Xerox machines - by 1963 arrangements
had been made to cease projector production (transferred
to Japan).

In 1961 a new production building for the 914 machine was com-
pleted, which increased floor space to 175,000 sq. ft.
This was extended in 1962, bringing total floor space to
237,000 sq. ft. With the advent of the 813, a new building
was constructed to house a re-located 914 assembly line and
also a new component manufacturing department. This building,
of 131,000 sq. ft. brought the total floor area to 368,000
sq. ft. By 1964 the addition of a new Canteen and Social
Centre and a new boiler house had brought the total area
to 395,000 sq. ft. The site area in 1964 was 11.6 acres.
Further land was then acquired, increasing the site area
to 34.7 acres. On this was constructed the International
Warehouse (56,100 sq. ft.), a new Boiler House (9,400 sq.
ft.), and the 2400 Production Building (125,000 sq. ft.).

Due for completion in a few months time is the new Design
Engineering Centre (approx. 60,000 sq. ft.), bringing total
floor area to 650,000 sq. ft. Complete responsibility for
the Rank Xerox design of all products (813 type, 914 type,
2400 type, etc) is with the Chief Engineer at Mitcheldean,
as is also the responsibility for compatibility between
machines and consumables.

No. of employees :-

1962	1,150
1963	1,330
1964	1,440
1965	1,720
1966	1,900
1967	2,100

Trading Name:

1940 - 1948	British Acoustic Films Ltd.
1948 - 1949	Rank Precision Industries (B.A.F.) Ltd.
1949 - 1963	The Rank Organisation Cine & Photographic Division
1963 - 1965	The Rank Organisation, Rank Mitcheldean Plant.
1965 -	Rank Xerox Ltd.

Capital invested in buildings and equipment now some £6 million.

Annual turnover some £20 million.

Growth of Output in machines:

	<u>914 (type)</u>	<u>813 (type)</u>	<u>2400</u>
1960/61	500		
1961/62	1,000		
1962/63	4,000		
1963/64	10,000	200	
1964/65	11,000	7,000	
1965/66	9,000	21,000	
1966/67	10,000	18,000	800

Machines :

	<u>Weight</u>	<u>No. of parts (approx)</u>
813	200 lbs.	2,100
914	685 lbs.	3,500
2400	1,250 lbs.	4,500

12 Oct 1965

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