

BUSINESS

Door company real family affair

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Metal Door Ltd. is not just about doors. The recently-opened manufacturing firm, located in an industrial park area in Gormley, is a family affair, featuring six members of the Zeiger family.

Owned by John and Donna Zeiger, the 24,000-square-foot factory employs 24 people. Their son John Jr. oversees the engineering aspects of the business, daughter Lisa Zeiger-Howe looks after accounting and son-in-law David Howe handles sales. Meanwhile, everyone agrees, two-year-old Samantha is the boss.

Like the family, the business offers "lots of room for expansion," John Zeiger said. The building, which was designed by Bruce Arrowsmith and Associates, was built with add-on features. "With four acres, we've got plenty of room to grow."

Before coming to Stouffville, Metal Door Ltd. operated out of a cramped space in Scarborough for 18 years.

The metal door market is stable. "From day one, we've never slowed down," Zeiger said. "I've never had to lay a person off in all these years."

The business manufactures doors for hospitals, schools, hockey rinks and other institutional buildings. "We sell doors all over southern Ontario," Zeiger said.

Dealing with Metal Door Ltd. was a pleasure, said Whitchurch-Stouffville economic development officer Eric Lismanis. "It's terrific to see Whitchurch-Stouffville expand within itself. This business will be a great asset to this community."

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