

## D2N2 Capital Growth Fund Case Study: SGD 3D

A Nottingham-based 3D printing company is now able to offer a full design services to its customers following receipt of a grant from the D2N2 Capital Growth Fund.



Photo: Sam Gribben, Founder and Managing Director of SGD 3D Ltd

After graduating with a 1<sup>st</sup> Class degree in product design, Sam Gribben worked in industry before returning to Nottingham. During this time, Sam recognised the need for seamless online 3D printing services for engineers, architects and designers alike.

In 2018, Sam established SGD 3D Ltd, providing a 3D printing service for local businesses over a wide range of sectors but predominantly in the aerospace and automotive sectors. Typical projects include a jet engine display stand and a helicopter gearbox, which have been displayed at exhibitions in the USA and Paris.

Sam said: “Due to uncertainty within the economy, many UK businesses are bringing back manufacturing into the UK. SGD 3D are pleased to be able to support the local manufacturing sector and we are currently in discussions for projects with value up to £0.5m. We are very aware of environmental impact and over 60% of materials used by SGD 3D are from recycled sources.

“The D2N2 Capital Growth Fund grant will enable us to incorporate a professional, thorough design service that complements our 3D printing. It also opens up new avenues including facilitating more traditional methods of manufacturing and enables SGD 3D to offer a complete service to our customers”.

David Smith, Account Manager for the D2N2 Capital Growth Fund, said “SGD 3D have demonstrated their ability to grow and create jobs in a short space of time. The D2N2 Capital Growth Fund is a three year programme and we are thrilled to be able to support SGD 3D in their next phase of development.”

“If you run a small or medium-sized business in Derby, Derbyshire Nottingham or Nottinghamshire with a capital investment project that will create new jobs, then the D2N2 Capital Growth Fund may be for you.”

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The fund is available to small and medium sized businesses across Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. For further information on the D2N2 Capital Growth Fund and how to apply, please visit: [www.d2n2capitalgrowthfund.com](http://www.d2n2capitalgrowthfund.com)