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Based in Couvin in Belgium the Fondrie du Lion where the Harmony and Stanford stoves were made had a foundry fire in January 2014 and ceased trading in February of that year. A number of problems due to shared ownership of the rights to the names Efel and Nestor Martin between two partners ensued.

We managed to keep the supply of spare parts for the brand going as the spares supplier to Belgium, France and Holland, J.P. VOS, had already been supplying us spares for some time previously and we had a good working relationship with them already. In fact some of the Nestor Martin employees moved to J.P. VOS when the company went into liquidation, so there was continuity in personnel.

The Nestor Martin brand was bought by a stove manufacturer in Spain, called Hergom, in March this year and they have now begun production of the stoves at their foundry in Santander. As the foundry in Couvin was so old the patterns for all the parts have had to be remade for a more modern plant which has delayed their production. They have also had to source all the component parts to produce the stoves such as finding new suppliers of handles and this all takes time.

Fred Lee, from our technical department, has been over to Spain on a number of occasions to give guidance to their technical team and to ensure that the product matches, and in most cases is an improvement, on the ones made in Belgium.

Each stove model is first made as a prototype and fired in their testing laboratory and again Fred has been involved with this testing.



Once the stove has been passed they make a small production run of them and build them on the production line in the foundry. This allows the quality inspection team of two men to go over each stove to ensure quality and conformity is maintained.

Once the preproduction run has been completed the stoves can go into production in full. The picture above shows the first Harmony 1 multifuel stoves on the quality control line.

Hergom have been astounded at the demand for the Nestro Martin stoves worldwide and we at Euroheat are looking forward to a happy working relationship with this highly motivated company.

So from the ashes the phoenix rises again.