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Acquisitions

Pfauter-Maag Cutting Tools, L.P., has announced the asset purchase of the cutting tool products of **Illinois Tools Unit**, an **Illinois Tool Works Company**. This purchase includes all assets related to the design and manufacture of their hob, shaper cutter and milling cutter product lines. Both companies will operate at the Pfauter-Maag Loves Park (Rockford), IL facility. It has also acquired **Mecup s.r.l.**, a leading Italian manufacturer of gearmaking cutting tools.

American Pfauter, L.P., has become the North American representative for **Höfler-Zeiss** measuring and inspection equipment.

Contracts

Giddings & Lewis-Sheffield Measurement will share in an \$8.5 million contract funded in part by the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Advanced Technology Program. It will be part of a consortium of 15 U.S. companies, universities and government research centers whose purpose is to increase American manufacturing competitiveness through high levels of measurement speed, efficiency and accuracy. It will join a four-year program called Rapid Agile Metrology for Manufacturing (RAMM) to develop scanning technology yielding a hundred-fold improvement in metrology productivity.

Procedyne Corp. has been awarded a contract from the U.S. Army ARDEC, Picatinny Arsenal, NJ, to provide engineering and technical services in support of the design, processing, evaluation and testing of fluidized bed heat treatments for metals and associate armaments components. The objective of the contract is to establish fluidized bed heat treating as an environmentally benign process to be utilized by DOD agencies in the manufacturing and rework of metal components.

ISO 9000 Certification

Rank Taylor Hobson's operations have been awarded ISO 9001 certification at the company's Leicester, U.K., facility. This site is where the company's metrology equipment and cinematic lens are manufactured.

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