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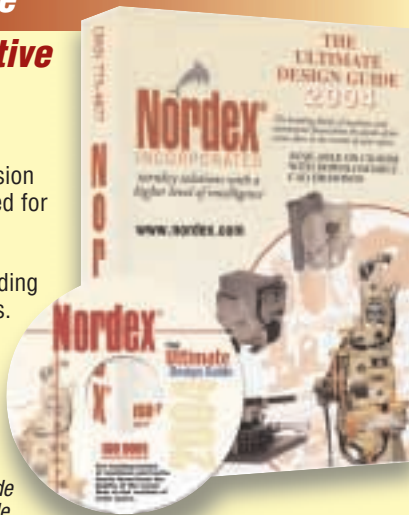


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Wenzel Group Expands to Gear Metrology Field

The Wenzel Group of Wiesthal, Germany, has founded a subsidiary, Wenzel GearTech GmbH, for the gear metrology market.

According to the company's press release, the company will start with 10 employees and will be managed by Hans-Helmut Rauth.

The new location will be used for design and development, sales and administration as well as a service base and demo center. Among the first products to be produced by the new subsidiary is a complete line of gear measuring machines with the required mechanical components produced in the mother plant.

New Account Manager at Inductoheat

Florie Schwartz was hired as account manager at Inductoheat of Madison Heights, MI.

Schwartz has previously worked in the induction tube and pipe industry, according to the company's press release.

Inductoheat designs and manufactures induction-heating equipment.



Florie Schwartz

Ipsen Selected as John Deere Supplier

Ipsen International was chosen as the supplier of an atmosphere batch furnace line for the John Deere Waterloo Works. The facility will use the fully-automated heat treat line for gear carburizing and agricultural equipment components.

According to Ipsen's press release, John Deere will utilize Ipsen's Iron Horse system to heat treat drivetrain gears and shafts distributed to manufacturing facilities worldwide.

The Iron Horse system includes the Carb-o-Prof real time carbon diffusing modeling and control package. The system also includes multiple gas-fired TQF-2 double-chamber batch straight through furnaces (size 17) with a rigid housing, positive motion transfer mechanism, and a low-NO_x combustion system using the company's Recon III burners.

Headquartered in Rockford, IL, Ipsen manufactures thermal processing technologies.

New Sales Representative at Philadelphia Gear

Michael Bashour joined Philadelphia Gear in the newly created position of southeast regional sales representative.

Bashour previously worked as district sales manager at Duff-Norton Co. and as a sales representative for Lufkin Industries.

Among his new responsibilities will be leveraging the company's technical expertise in the energy, mining, pulp and paper, and rubber industries.

Lay Machinery and Service Network Form Agreement

Service Network Inc. (SNI) has appointed Lay Machinery Systems as its exclusive representative for the state of Texas.

Among the products for Lay to bring to the market are the

SN400-I internal and the SN200-E external production grinders. Both are targeted to manufacturers of bearings, automotive, aerospace, industrial and heavy equipment components.

SNI offers service, parts and remanufacturing for all Heald grinders, which are available through Lay Machinery.

Lay Machinery of Dallas, TX, is involved in machine sales for numerous metalworking machine tool manufacturers.

Ajax Tocco Gets Japanese Contract

Ajax Tocco Magnethermic of Warren, OH, and ATM JAMCO of Tokyo, Japan, have been awarded a contract from Gohsyu of Tokyo, Japan, to supply a 2,000 kW induction billet heating system.

A key feature of the system is ATM's enhanced hold circuit, which can hold billets at a temperature during press while problems are corrected, according to Ajax Tocco Magnethermic's press release.

The heater will be sent to Japan for installation and start-up in the second quarter of 2004.

mG miniGears and EPSCO Sign Contract

mG miniGears reached an agreement with EPSCO Inc. for representation in the automotive industry.

According to mG miniGears' press release, their recent TS16949 certification played a large part in the decision to join forces with EPSCO.

mG miniGears designs and manufactures custom engineered gears and gearboxes for automotive, industrial and power tool customers.

New Appointments at Timken

The Timken Co. of Canton, OH, announced several personnel changes effective in early 2004.

Frank C. Sullivan was elected president and CEO of RPM International, a division of The Timken Co. Sullivan has held the positions of COO, CFO and a variety of corporate development and sales positions within RPM since 1987.

Tim Timken Jr. was elected executive vice president and president of the steel group. He has worked for Timken since 1992 in a variety of positions. For the last three years, he has served as corporate vice president and as a member of the board of directors.

W.R. Timken Jr. announced his retirement from his position as Timken executive officer. He will continue to serve on the board of directors. ⚙️

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