

**MITSUI MACHINE BECOMES  
IKEGAI DISTRIBUTOR**

Mitsui Machine Technology, Inc. of Glendale Heights, IL, has been appointed by Ikegai Corp. as its exclusive U.S. and Canadian importer and distributor. Ikegai manufactures CNC chuckers and universal horizontal turning machines, CNC vertical turning machines, CNC vertical and horizontal machining centers, CNC horizontal boring mills, CNC vertical internal grinders and CNC gear hobbing and hob sharpening machines.

**KILLOP NAMED MANAGER OF GENERAL  
BROACH SPLINE ROLLING DIVISION**



"Tom" Killop

James Thomas "Tom" Killop has been appointed manager of the newly formed Spline Rolling Division of General Broach & Engineering Co., Inc. Killop will be responsible for developing and marketing of the company's new line of electro-mechanical driven spline rolling machinery and the design and manufacture of spline rolling rack tooling.

**BISON GEAR WINS GRAND PRIZE**

Bison Gear and Engineering of St. Charles, IL, was the Grand Prize Winner in the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Awards for Workforce Excellence competition for small manufacturers. The Bison TQM Team, whose work program was highlighted in Bison's entry, received the trophy and the \$10,000 prize at a gala award dinner in Washington, D.C.

Bison's entry was based on the work of its Product Quality Team to assure customer satisfaction. The Product Quality Team operates as an integral part of Bison's Total Quality Management program. For the winning entry, Bison described the work of the team in reducing defects in the assembly process by 60%, resulting in improving the company's record for on-time deliveries and reducing the potential for products with defects reaching the customer.

The members of the team whose work won the award are Farouk Abushaaban, Nathan Kaminskas, Bing Olivares,

Michael J. Zingen and Fred Fontana. Marty Kopp is Bison's TQM facilitator who coordinated the team's efforts.

**PHILIP JAMES TO HEAD BROWN &  
SHARPE MEASURING SYSTEMS**

Philip James has been named Group Vice President of Brown & Sharpe's Measuring Systems business. Mr. James will report to Frank T. Curtin, B & S's chairman, president and CEO, and will

be responsible for managing the company's global Measuring Systems Groups which comprises Commercial Operations; Brown & Sharpe-USA; Leitz-Brown & Sharpe, Wetzlar, Germany; and DEA-Brown & Sharpe, Torino, Italy.

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