

Gleason, Kashifuji Announce Hob Sharpening Alliance

Gleason Corp. and Kashifuji Works Ltd. of Kyoto, Japan, formed an agreement that provides Gleason with exclusive rights to sell and service Kashifuji hob sharpening machines in various areas worldwide.

The agreement is the latest initiative in the strategic alliance between Gleason and

Kashifuji that began in March 2000 with the joint development and marketing of certain cylindrical gear production machines in Asia.

Products are manufactured by Kashifuji and sold through OGA Corp. of Tsukishima, Japan. Additionally, Gleason represents and sells Kashifuji's existing cylindrical gear products through Gleason's current sales and service network.

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GM, DaimlerChrysler End Partnership In New Venture Gear

DaimlerChrysler and General Motors Corp. will end their joint powertrain venture, New Venture Gear.

DaimlerChrysler will buy GM's share of the business, started in 1990, and thereby become the sole owner. However, GM will continue to produce gears, transmissions and differentials as an independent business out of its current Muncie, IN, facility.

After the restructuring, New Venture Gear's main operations will include its plants in Syracuse, NY, and Roitzsch, Germany. Management, engineering and development functions at its Troy, MI, headquarters will be restructured.

Philadelphia Gear Corp. Appoints New President, CEO



Carl D. Rapp

Carl D. Rapp was hired as president and CEO for Philadelphia Gear Corp.

His responsibilities include leading the company's efforts to align with its end users and develop new product offerings. Among Rapp's priorities is the optimization of the inspect and repair regional service and manufacturing centers.

Rapp has held several senior level positions in sales and general management, most recently as senior vice president of sales and marketing for Strategic Distribution Inc.

Bourn & Koch Buys Controlling Interest in Roto-Technology

Rockford, IL-based Bourn & Koch Machine Tool Co. purchased controlling interest in Roto-Technology of Dayton, OH. Under the new ownership, the Dayton facility will continue to manufacture, remanufacture/retrofit and service Roto-Technology gear inspection systems and rotary tables.

According to Roto-Technology's press release, the combined companies will use the Bourn & Koch distribution and quality system while eliminating duplicate efforts.

AGMA Announces Partnership with Gear Consulting Group

The American Gear Manufacturers Association announced a partnership with the Gear Consulting Group of Richland, MI. The two organizations will collaborate on the Training School for Gear Manufacturing, with the GCG facilitating regional and in-plant versions of the AGMA program.

The training school focuses on the relationships between manufacturing methods, inspection procedures and the underlying involute geometry and nomenclature.

Overton Gear Has New President, CEO

Lou Ertel was hired as president and CEO of Overton Gear and Tool Corp., located in Addison, IL.

Previously, he served as vice president of operations for Foote-Jones/Illinois Gear, a division of Regal Beloit Corp. Prior to that, Ertel worked in a variety of positions, including plant manager, during his 24 years at Philadelphia Gear Corp.

British Gear Association Names Chief Executive

Tom Lynch was named chief executive of the British Gear Association. Lynch has worked in the engineering industry for 36 years in various positions. Most recently, he served as commercial and technical director of an aluminum die casting foundry.

Lynch, a fellow of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, said, "Although this is an industry which is not as buoyant as it has been in the past, there are—nonetheless—opportunities and the BGA has a team which intends to continue its support of current members and increase membership on an ongoing basis."

SU America Hires Vice President of Sales for Illinois, Indiana

SU America Inc. has hired Fred H. Schomaker as vice president of regional sales, with responsibility for Illinois and Indiana.

Schomaker came to SU America from Overton Gear and Tool Corp. of Addison, IL, where he served as vice president of

sales and marketing.

Previously, he worked for Motch & Merryweather Machinery Co., American Pfauter Ltd. Partnership and Gleason Corp.

Schomaker served American Pfauter as a regional sales manager specializing in automotive markets. When Gleason bought American Pfauter in 1997, Schomaker continued to work in the Michigan territory.

According to SU America's press release, Schomaker has extensive knowledge of gear hobbing, shaping, shaving, grinding, deburring, chamfering and hard finishing.

Also, Schomaker has bachelor's degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering. ○

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