

Norma B.V. ASS AG Buy Crown Gear

The manufacturing sector of Crown Gear B.V. was acquired by ASS AG and Norma B.V. on Jan. 27.

According to Norma's press release, ASS AG of Düringen, Switzerland, has taken over the sales and engineering activities, while Norma B.V. is the coordinating partner for manufacturing, production and quality assurance. For the time being, Crown Gear's production facilities will continue to be located in Hengelo, The Netherlands, to finish outstanding supply duties. Soon all manufacturing activity will be moved to the Norma production facilities, which are also in Hengelo.

The Brunner-Antriebstechnik Co. will represent ASS AG in south Germany and take over customer support.

Crown Gear, inventor of the patented *Cylkro* angular face gears, declared bankruptcy Dec. 18.



Gleason and Kashifuji Add Hob Sharpening Products to Alliance Agreement

Gleason Corp. of Rochester, NY, and Kashifuji Works Ltd. of Kyoto, Japan, announced an agreement to develop, promote, sell and service hob sharpening equipment worldwide.

Under the terms of the agreement, Gleason has exclusive rights to the sales and service of Kashifuji hob sharpening machines throughout much of the world. Gleason's rights are non-exclusive in Japan, the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Republic of Korea.

Both companies cooperated in the development of the KG 252L CNC Hob Sharpener, which grinds flutes on

straight or helical hobs up to 10" in diameter and length.

This machine is the latest initiative in the alliance between Gleason and Kashifuji, which began in March 2000.

Welduction Merges With Inductoheat

Welduction Corp., a manufacturer of induction equipment, merged operations with Inductoheat and relocated. Both companies are now located in the same facility in Madison Heights, MI.

Inductoheat has product lines that range from general purpose machines to custom automated heat treating systems, mass heating, wire heating, bonding, lost core technology and brazing machines.

Both companies are owned by Inductotherm Industries.

The merger was complete Jan. 1.

AGMA Standards Available on Internet, CD-ROM

A CD-ROM of all technical standards will be mailed to members of AGMA. Additionally, members can download updates through a new agreement with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

When AGMA publishes a new set of standards, members will be notified via e-mail that they can access the information for free on the ANSI website by typing in a user name and password.

Non-members can still view the standards, but they must order them through the AGMA website.

Under the terms of the agreement, members are eligible for discounts on other standards available from ANSI's Internet site.

According to AGMA's newsletter, engineers and designers at member companies and divisions of multinational companies have unlimited access to AGMA standards electronically.

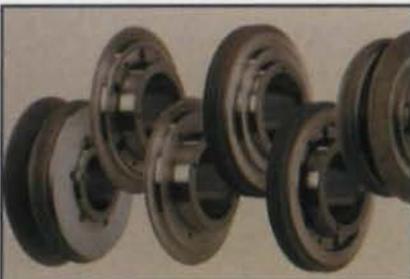
Bodycote Installs New Vacuum Furnace

Bodycote North America installed a

new Abar Ipsen HR 46 vacuum furnace at its Santa Ana, CA, facility.

According to the company's press release, the furnace should improve vacuum capabilities and turnaround time. The product will target the tool and die, stainless steel and aerospace industries.

Working dimensions of the furnace are 36" x 48" x 33". Load sizes in excess of 2,000 lbs. can be processed. The all-metal hot zone will operate at temperatures up to 2,200°F with ultimate vacuum of 1×10^{-5} .



Reishauer Expands Capabilities for Diamond Dressing Tools

Reishauer Corp. of Elgin, IL, completed a new facility for manufacturing rotary diamond dressing tools for gear and non-gear forms.

According to the company's press release, the expansion enables Reishauer to be a single source supplier of quality diamond dressing tools in addition to its hard-gear finishing machines.

The new series of dressing tools includes SPA, SPA-S, RP-1SW and RP-2SW as well as DSA dressing units in single taper discs and full form rolls in single and multiple start configurations. The RZF/RZP diamond masters are measured in positive and reverse electroplated versions.

Alfe Heat Treat Names Vice President

Ernie Lackner was promoted to vice president of Alfe Corporate Group, the parent of Alfe Heat Treating.

Among his new responsibilities will be overseeing the three Alfe divisions in Ohio, Michigan and New York.

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Previously, Lackner was general manager of the Wadsworth, OH, division. He has been with Alfe since 1995.

Alfe, headquartered in Fort Wayne, IN, serves automotive, industrial and aerospace customers with facilities for ferrous and nonferrous heat treating.

Rockwell Automation Acquires CNC Technology

Rockwell Automation acquired some of the intellectual property associated with Power Automation's software-based CNC for \$5 million.

This intellectual property will be used to provide CNC motion solutions focused on power train applications. These solutions will be delivered through Rockwell's global manufacturing solutions business to expand its presence in the global power train automotive industry.

Rockwell Automation of Milwaukee, WI, is a global provider of industrial automation power, control and information solutions for manufacturers.

Power Automation is located in Pleidelsheim, Germany.

Timken to Receive Payment from U.S. Treasury

The Timken Co. will be receiving \$54 million from the U.S. Treasury under the U.S. Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act (CDSOA).

The CDSOA provides for distribution of money collected by the U.S. Customer Service from antidumping cases to qualified domestic producers that have continued to invest in their technology, equipment and people.

Timken received a payment from the U.S. Treasury in 2002 as well.

The Timken Co. of Canton, OH, is an international manufacturer of bearings, alloy and specialty steels and components.

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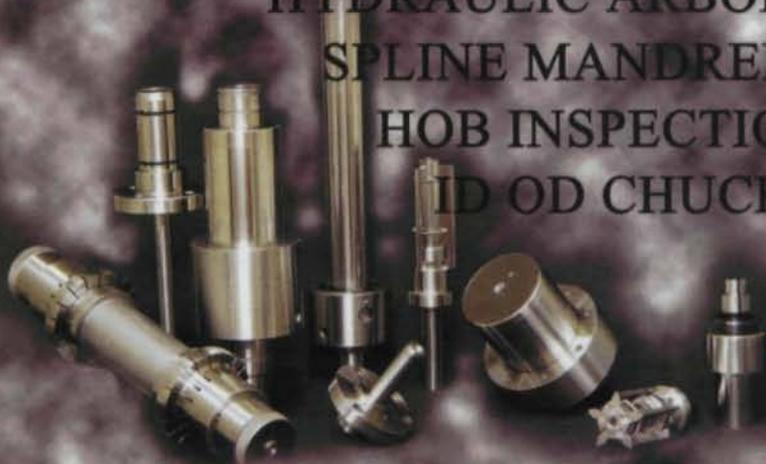
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