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PRESENTS 50-YEAR AGMA MEMBERSHIP AWARDS



From left to right: Dave Ballard, AGMA board chairman, John Cervinka, Arrow Gear international business development manager, and Joe Arvin, Arrow Gear president.

Bison Gear and Engineering and Arrow Gear Company both received AGMA’s 50-year membership award, presented during the recent AGMA/ABMA Annual Meeting in Tucson, AZ.

Bison Gear’s George Thomas, executive vice president, and Sylvia Wetzel, chief learning officer, were on hand to receive the award for the company. Bison Gear was founded in 1960, joining AGMA in its first year. It was acquired by Norman and Ronald Bullock in 1987.

As Bison’s current chairman, Ron Bullock has opened the company to the global market, expanded the overall product line and established a research and development center. He is a former AGMA board member and a major advocate for manufacturers and education. He served on the National Association of Manufacturers’ board of directors and chaired its small business committee. He more recently served as chair of the Illinois Manufacturers Association.

In a manufacturing education capacity, Bison has worked with local manufacturers, industry, government, educators and communities to create the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council, which provides a path for young adults, adults and displaced workers to acquire the core skills needed by manufacturing companies.

On hand to receive the award for Arrow Gear was Joe Arvin, president, and John Cervinka, business development manager. Arrow Gear was founded by James J. Cervinka and Frank E. Pielsticker in 1947 as a small operation in Worth, IL. In 1961, the company moved to its current location in Downers Grove, IL, which has been expanded seven times to accommodate new technologies and machinery.

Arrow Gear has been an active participant in many AGMA committees and councils as well as the board of directors over its 50-year tenure as a member. Arrow Gear’s chairman, James Cervinka, received the AGMA Chairman’s Award of Excellence in 2002.

Broadwind Energy

ANNOUNCES BRAD FOOTE PRESIDENT

Daniel E. Schueller was appointed president of Brad Foote Gear Works, Inc., the gearing systems business of Broadwind Energy, Inc. Schueller reports to Broadwind Energy CEO J. Cameron Drecoll.

“We are delighted to have Dan join our leadership team and expect that he will lead the gearing systems team with a robust combination of deep manufacturing experi-



Daniel E. Schueller



Dave Ballard, left, George Thomas, right, Bison Gear executive vice president.

ence, leadership skills and customer focus,” Drecoll says. “As the anticipated upswing of the U.S. wind energy market creates new opportunities for Broadwind’s precision gearing system business, Dan’s proven success as an executive leader in manufacturing will be an asset to our customers and stockholders.”

Before joining Broadwind Energy, Schueller served as vice president and general manager of Federal Signal Corporation’s Vactor Manufacturing Inc. subsidiary, a leading manufacturer of municipal combination catch basin/sewer cleaning vacuum trucks. Prior to that, Schueller served in positions of increasing responsibility in operations with Tecumseh Products Company, a global manufacturer of compressors and related products.

Schueller has a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering technology from the Milwaukee School of Engineering and a master’s degree in business administration from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA.

Schueller comments, “I look forward to working with the Broadwind team as we capitalize on a rich heritage of more than 85 years of gearing leadership at Brad Foote.”

Hansen Transmissions

APPOINTS CEO

Upon the retirement of Ivan Brems from active executive duties as chief executive officer of Hansen Transmissions International NV, Alex De Ryck has been promoted from chief financial officer to CEO, effective March 31.

The Hansen Board is in the process of appointing a new CFO. Meanwhile, Brems will serve as a consultant to the



Alex De Ryck

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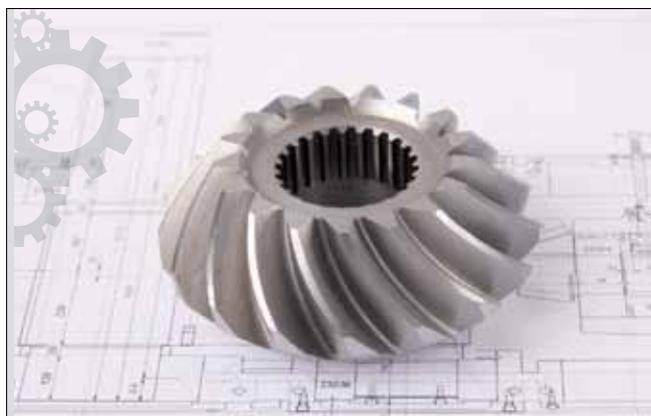
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board and executive committee. Tulsi Tanti, chairman of the board, commented: "Ivan Brems has been instrumental, over many years, to the successful growth of Hansen into a world-leading supplier of high quality gearboxes for the wind industry. The Board wants to thank Ivan for his valuable work at Hansen and is happy that he will continue to support Hansen on a consultancy basis in the next stage of the company's development."

Brems first joined Hansen in 1974, and he became CEO in 2006. Previously he served as vice president of corporate marketing and business development. "It is with great confidence that I hand over to Alex De Ryck, who has known Hansen for more than 20 years and has been with the group for six years as CFO," Brems says. "I have worked with Alex for almost six years and am delighted to be handing over to him. He was the unanimous choice of the board, and I am convinced that he is the right successor and will lead Hansen to continued future success."

De Ryck became CFO of Hansen in 2004. Prior to joining the group, he held a number of high profile positions, including CEO of Esselte Belgium and Eldon Belgium, CFO of the Dymo Group and the Eldon Enclosures Group and finance manager at Honeywell Europe.

"I am extremely honored to be offered the opportunity to lead Hansen at this important time in the Company's development," De Ryck says. "Ivan has been critical to the success of the group over many years, and we wish him well in the future. Although these are clearly challenging times for the wind industry, we are well prepared and have an outstanding team in place. Trading for the current financial year remains in line with previous guidance, and as anticipated in January, we have recently created additional financial flexibility for the Group by re-negotiating our bank covenants. I am convinced that Hansen is well placed to exploit the opportunities that lie ahead and look forward to leading the company to future successes."



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Spicer India

BREAKS GROUND ON GEAR PLANT



The gear facility in Chakan, India will produce 240,000 of these AdvanTEK gear sets a year, which comprise specially designed and manufactured hypoid gears with high power density.

Spicer India Ltd. announced groundbreaking on a hypoid gear manufacturing facility and testing center in Chakan, Pune, India. The joint venture company of Dana Holding Corporation, USA, and Anand Automotive Systems plans to expand services to the Indian automobile industry.

“Indian-based OEMs are demanding improved efficiency, power density, fuel economy, torque-carrying capacity and weight reduction,” says James E. Sweetnam, president and CEO of Dana Holding Corporation. “In response, Dana has developed the AdvanTEK series of axles to meet these growing customer requirements, and we are pleased to announce that—with these new and expanded facilities—we will be positioned to manufacture these axles in India.”

AdvanTEK axles comprise specially designed and manufactured hypoid gears with high power density. The 50,000-square-foot “greenfield” facility in Chakan, near Pune, is planned to produce 240,000 of these gear sets a year. At full capacity, the plant will employ around 130 people. Over the next few years, \$35 million to \$40 million will be invested in the facility, which is expected to open in late 2011.

“In the last few years, Indian OEMs have aimed at achieving world-class quality of vehicles manufactured here and meant for domestic and international markets,” says Deepak Chopra, CEO of Anand Automotive Systems. “With this new gear plant, Spicer India will have contributed in its own way to help achieve this motive. This investment represents our ongoing commitment to the Indian automotive market.”

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B.D. Singh, Chief Operations Officer of Spicer India, says, "The setting up of this new facility represents another important milestone in Spicer India's roadmap to growth. As leading OEM suppliers in the country, we are pleased to be in a position to keep pace with our customer requirements and in meeting market demands."

PTG PLANS TO SELL SUBSIDIARIES

The board of U.K.-based Precision Technologies Group announced the proposed sale of a number of its subsidiary businesses to Chongqing Machinery and Electric (CQME), a large Chinese industrial group, pending approval by the Chinese government. The businesses proposed for transfer to CQME include Holroyd Precision Ltd., Precision Components Ltd., PTG Heavy Industries Ltd. (Binns and Berry and Crawford Swift), PTG Advanced Developments Ltd. and PTG Deutschland GmbH. Jones and Shipman Precision Ltd. is not affected by this announcement and continues to trade under its current ownership.

CQME's aims to establish a strong foothold in international markets and sees this acquisition as a significant statement of intent, according to a PTG press release. The combined group will continue to invest, develop technology and intellectual property of the U.K. businesses to create products for the market. Existing manufacturing facilities, services and supply chains in the U.K. will be maintained, and all staff of the above companies will be transferred to the new group.

PTG specializes in machine tool design, build and supply of surface, cylindrical, creepfeed, rotor, thread and gear grinding machines, as well as super abrasive machining systems, rotor milling machines and lathes.

SAMP CONSOLIDATES INTO NEW PLANT

All Samputensili and Sampingranaggi activities are being integrated into the SAMP Group's new plant in



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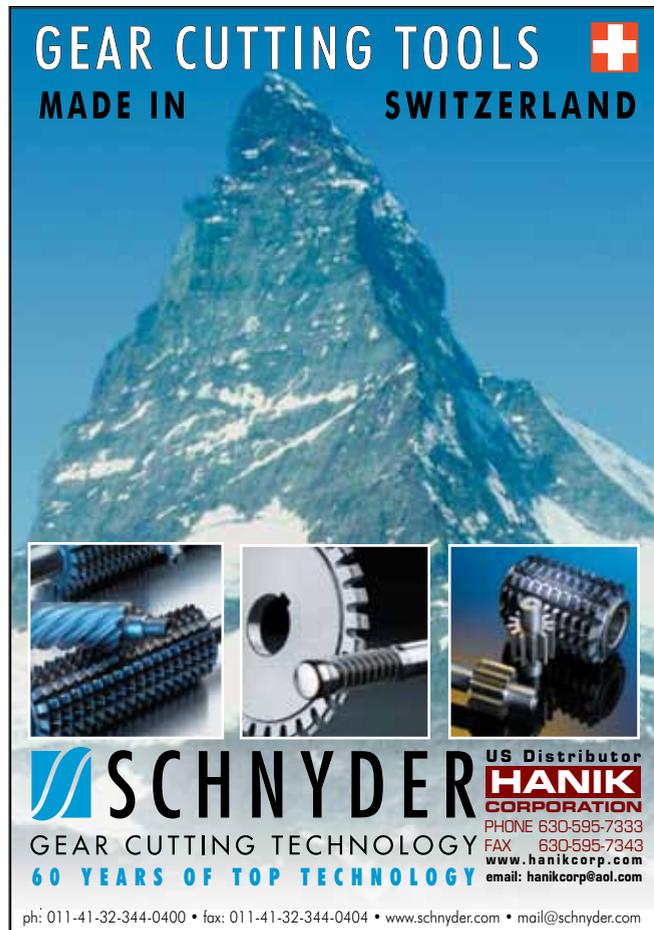
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Bentivoglio, Italy, near Bologna. This is part of a larger corporate reorganization campaign announced earlier this year aimed to improve various aspects of production.

The layout of the Sampingranaggi division has been updated by replacing some obsolete machines with new generation ones. The production system in place is more verticalized, and operations like turning and OD grinding are concentrated in the new plant.

New generation machines have been installed as part of the Samputensili production system, cutting down to one third the machining time before heat treatment and other reductions in transfer time. Weekly, the Bentivoglio plant will be capable of manufacturing 250 hobs, 60 shaper cutters, 80 shaving cutters, 60 chamfering/deburring tools and other cutting tools, like masters and large-module hobs.

These technological improvements along with new web-based software platforms will allow quotes for new tools to be available in three days. While SAMP is restructuring its Tools Production Organization in Europe, it is also strengthening production sites in China, Korea, Brazil and the United States.

“Everybody at SAMP is working to bring into the site of Bentivoglio the most advanced technologies in gear production,” says Artemio Affaticati, CEO of SAMP Group in an open letter to customers. “Bentivoglio extends on an area of about 60,000 square meters. It has been built using the environmental, low-impact, advanced technologies and its 18,000 square meters of solar panels are able to generate up to 735 kilowatt-peaks (kWp).

“SAMP is investing in gear technology as we deeply believe we are able to give a significant contribution to the development of this sector, as shown by recent business agreements made with companies operating in the robotics, automotive and aerospace sectors.”

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