

Who's Who... What's What... Movers... Shakers... Name Changers... and Other Items of Interest

OPENING MOVES...



James E. Cronkwright

Hurth Machine Tool Company of Munich, Germany, announced the establishment of **Hurth America** in West Chicago, IL. This U.S. operation will immediately begin marketing and servicing Hurth gear hobbing, honing and bevel gear cutting machines. **James E. Cronkwright** is the President of **Hurth America** and **Richard D. Reenan** has joined the company as Vice President of Sales & Marketing.



Richard D. Reenan

PROMOTIONS...



Robert A. Pruden

Robert A. Pruden has been appointed Vice President and General Manager and **Russell S. Nagy** has been named Manager of Marketing Services for the **Deckel Maho Gildemeister Group**. **Gene J. VanPatten** has been named National Sales Manager for Rank Taylor Hobson Inc., a leading manufacturer of precision metrology instruments. **Andrea Moll** has been appointed New Product Manager for **Bison Gear** of Downers Grove, IL, a manufacturer of gearmotors, motors and reducers. **Entek Scientific Corp.**, provider of complete software and hardware machine reliability systems, has announced the promotion of **Richard Schiltz** to Vice President of Engineering.



Russell S. Nagy

PATENTS...

DTM Corporation has been granted a European patent for the technology embodied in the company's Sinterstation® 2000 System for rapid prototyping. The technology is also covered by U.S. patents, and the company has applied for patents in Japan, Korea, Australia and other Pacific Rim and Asian countries. The system uses the SLS® Selective Laser Sintering process, in which specialized powdered materials, such as metal, nylon, polycarbonate and investment casting wax, are transformed into three-dimensional solid objects through the application of a modulated laser beam.

NAME CHANGE...

Small Castings, Inc., a manufacturer of precision aluminum and zinc castings has changed its name to **SciCast International, Inc.** The company operates out of a 33,000 sq. ft. facility in Bechtelsville, PA.

NEW HEADQUARTERS...

Bison Gear and Engineering has opened a new European headquarters in the Netherlands. The new facility houses the company's European sales office and warehouse, a light assembly operation and full inventory and support services for **Minarik** motor control products, for which **Bison** serves as European distributor. **Marc Bours** has been named Branch Manager of the new facility.

NEW FACILITIES...

Mikron Group has opened a new plant for its Plastics Technology Division in Anderson, SC. The new 50,000 sq. ft. facility will produce precision plastic components and systems.

Falk Corp. has opened a pit carburizing facility in Milwaukee, WI, for large mill pinions and gears.

NEW SERVICES...

Caterpillar has announced its entry into the custom gear manufacturing business. This new service will be available at the company's new Peoria, IL, factory, which also houses a state-of-the-art heat treating facility.

ISO 9000 NEWS...

The Gear Works, one of the largest gear manufacturing facilities in the western U.S., has earned ISO 9001 certification. The company's certification is registered by TUV Rheinland of Cologne, Germany. **Master Chemical Corporation** of Perrysburg, OH, has earned ISO 9002 certification for its national headquarters and manufacturing facilities. The certification covers the quality systems used in the manufacture and servicing of the metalworking fluids, recycling and waste minimization equipment produced at its Perrysburg plant. The company is also seeking certification for its facilities in Huntsville, TX and Suffolk, England.

The **Big Three Automakers** have announced the adoption of **QS-9000**, a joint quality management system using the ISO-9000 standard as a building block. Suppliers to the automakers will have to meet and implement all 23 of the standards set in the system model. **General Motors** has already announced that registration to the QS-9000 model will be required by December 31, 1997, and the other automakers are expected to follow suit. ☉