

Congressman Roskam

VISITS
OVERTON CHICAGO GEAR



Overton Chicago Gear (OCG) had the pleasure to greet their Illinois representative recently. Congressman Peter Roskam, 6th District of Illinois (serving Addison and Lombard, IL), visited Overton Chicago Gear on April 27, 2011. Roskam is a member of the Ways and Means Committee and is known as an advocate of ESOP companies. Congressman Roskam was interested to hear about the strength of the industrial manufacturing sector in his district. "It was gratifying to have Congressman Roskam come to see OCG on our silver anniversary as an ESOP company," said Overton Chicago Gear president/CEO Lou Ertel. OCG shared with him their continued success in the manufacturing of gears and gearboxes, even with the challenges of foreign competition and challenging economic conditions. All at OCG thoroughly enjoyed the time Roskam and his staff spent at Overton and they look forward to having him back in the future.

Timken

TO ACQUIRE
PHILADELPHIA GEAR

The Timken Company, located in Canton, Ohio, has announced plans to purchase Philadelphia Gear Corp. for \$200 million. Based in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Gear provides gear drives and components to the industrial and military sectors. Timken makes bearings, assemblies and alloy steels for auto producers and other manufacturers. The addition of Philadelphia Gear to Timken's Process Industries segment significantly expands the range of industrial services capabilities for both companies to offer their customers. The acquisition advances Timken's strategy to offer comprehensive services and solutions to end-users that enhance the performance and productivity of their mission-critical mechanical applications.

"Philadelphia Gear is an excellent fit with Timken," said Chris Coughlin, president of Timken's Process Industries segment. "Like Timken, it is a leader in industrial services providing highly engineered solutions and replacement components for mechanical power transmission equipment. It will strengthen our presence precisely in the areas we've targeted, with excellent prospects for profitable growth via extension to our customer base around the world."

Timken plans to combine Philadelphia Gear, which employs approximately 220, with its Industrial Services business to leverage the best capabilities of each organization across the global markets. Coughlin noted that Timken plans to expand the business with the existing management team. "The synergies in this combination are all about growth," he said. Timken expects Philadelphia Gear to be accretive to earnings in its first full year and to generate income exceeding the cost of capital by 2014. The company plans to complete the acquisition through its Timken Gears and Services Inc. subsidiary by the third quarter of 2011, pending certain government and regulatory approvals.

Star SU

ADDS ENGINEERING
AND SALES STAFF

Grady Knight has joined Star SU as a project engineer
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for the machine tool division. He will work closely on large projects with vice president of sales and engineering Mark Ritchie and will be based in the Hoffman Estates, Illinois office. Knight earned both of his degrees, Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering Technology and Masters of Science in Industrial Management, from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. He holds a graduate certificate in strategic management as well as a graduate teaching certificate. He was awarded the Elgin Community College Trustee Academic Scholarship, the Grainger Tools for Tomorrow Scholarship and the 2011 Outstanding Graduate Student in Engineering Technology at NIU.



Grady Knight



Jeff Fadler

Jeffery Fadler has joined the sales staff of Star SU as a regional sales manager for cutting tool sales in western Michigan. He will take over the territory formerly covered by Craig Weirich, who retired in June. Fadler earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics at Michigan State University. He has extensive cutting tool sales and management experience serving the automotive market.

Ryan Moore returns to Star SU as a regional sales manager for cutting tool sales in eastern Michigan and Ontario. Moore's wide-ranging sales experience includes serving accounts in the automotive, machine and power tool, mining, construction and aerospace industries. He will take over the cutting tool sales territory formerly covered by John Simpson, who plans to concentrate his efforts on machine tool sales in Michigan and Ontario. Moore earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology at the Purdue University School of Industrial Technology in Indiana.



Ryan Moore

Forest City Gear

APPOINTS SALES REPS

Forest City Gear recently announced the appointment of new sales representatives and additional territories for several existing reps, effective immediately. President Wendy Young, in making this announcement, remarked, "Our growth in the last several years has been substantial and we determined it was necessary to expand our field sales force. After considerable effort and an exhaustive search, we are very pleased with the new team."



Joseph Kemple



Stephen Peterson

these additions were particularly challenging, as the highly customized nature of Forest City Gear's business base requires the sales force to have a keen knowledge of gear manufacturing, application engineering assistance and customer service through an often lengthy buy cycle. The following new sales representatives are now handling Forest City Gear: Joseph Kemple for Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, south of Route 30; Stephen Peterson for Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota; Curt Nicholson for Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and southern California;



Curt Nicholson



Dennis Young

Dennis Young for northern Illinois. The following existing reps have been reassigned to cover these states: Jim Hagen for Washington, Oregon and Idaho; Stu Glasby for Pennsylvania, upper New York and southern New Jersey; Bob Rundle for northern New Jersey, lower New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

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Solar Atmospheres

APPOINTS ENGINEER AND MARKETING MANAGER

Trevor Jones has been promoted to principal engineer at Solar Atmospheres, Inc. Jones started with Solar as a part-time employee in 1998 and continued working as a summer intern over the next six years during college. He received a dual Associate's Degree in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering from Penn State University. Jones began full time employment at Solar upon graduation in 2004. He is currently on



Trevor Jones

the Executive Committee for the ASM Philadelphia Liberty Bell Chapter as Secretary and will become vice-chairperson for the 2011–2012 chapter year. Jones' responsibilities include involvement in all R&D projects from inception to production. He has two R&D technicians that report to him. Don Jordan, vice president of R&D and Corporate Metallurgist states: "Trevor is a true authority on vacuum heat treatment and vacuum furnace technology, understanding the scientific principles of the field and applying them to practical ends both mechanically and electrically. Trevor is admired by all who work with him for his professionalism and genuine gentleman-like character. He is an eager learner and I am confident to say that one would think that Trevor also has an associate's degree in heat treat metallurgy."



Laura Edwards

Laura Edwards, recently joined Solar Atmospheres as marketing manager. Her focus is on providing strategic directions for all of Solar's marketing activities, such as corporate branding and communications; advertising; website development; trade-shows; public relations and social media. Edwards has more than 20 years of experience in business-to-business marketing. In addition to freelance consulting, she has worked with a variety of marketing agencies and business. "Laura brings a wealth of knowledge in the marketing field to this position and has a great amount of experience. We are excited to see what Laura will do to help Solar Atmospheres,"

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states Roger Jones, corporate president.

Edwards serves as vice president of publicity for the Women's Referral Network of Montgomery County and co-teaches a leadership program in conjunction with Pearl S. Buck International. She is a double graduate of Penn State University with a B.S. in Marketing and a Masters in Business Administration.

MSI

NAMES NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR ILLINOIS MAZAK BUSINESS UNIT

Machinery Systems Inc. (MSI) recently announced the appointment of Eric Hilliard to the position of vice president of the company's Illinois Mazak business unit. In this position, Hilliard will oversee the region's Mazak sales, application engineering, customer service and manufacturing software. Having joined MSI in 1996, Hilliard has worked as a sales engineer in three geographic territories. Prior to that, he held multiple other positions in the industry, including working as an electrical and mechanical technician. "Over the past fifteen years, Eric has demonstrated a tremendous commitment to our mission of serving American manufacturers in the Midwest," said Ron Mager, president and CEO of MSI. "As the economy continues to rebound, we are seeing more and more manufacturers looking to maximize their future potential by investing in and integrating new Mazak technology. Eric will play a vital role in helping these customers optimize their operations."



Eric Hilliard

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Rexnord Corporation

FILES FOR IPO

Rexnord Corporation, formerly known as Rexnord Holdings, Inc. ("Rexnord"), the ultimate parent of RBS Global, Inc. and Rexnord LLC, recently announced it has filed a registration statement on Form S-1 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the proposed initial public offering of its common stock. The offering of common stock will be made only by means of a prospectus. When available, a copy of the preliminary prospectus relating to this offering may be obtained from: Rexnord Corporation, 4701 West Greenfield Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53214 or from such underwriters as Rexnord will engage in the future. A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission but has not yet become effective. These securities may not be sold, nor may offers to buy be accepted, prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective.

Manufacturing Technology Consumption

CLIMBS IN 2011

April U.S. manufacturing technology consumption totaled \$396.92 million according to the Association for Manufacturing Technology (AMT) and the American Machine Tool Distributors' Association (AMTDA). This total, as reported by companies participating in the USMTC program, was down 21.0 percent from March but up 74.9 percent when compared with the total of \$226.99 million reported for April 2010. With a year-to-date total of \$1,595.98 million, 2011 is up 105.3 percent compared with 2010.

These numbers and all data in this report are based on the totals of actual data reported by companies participating in the USMTC program.

"It is very encouraging to see year-to-date orders more than double last year's pace particularly with the price of oil, unrest in the Middle East, and the disasters in Japan," said Douglas K. Woods, President of AMT. "Despite April's numbers being slightly lower than March, recent levels of outstanding order activity are now approaching pre-recession levels which is a positive long-term indicator for our industry." For more information, visit www.amtonline.org.

Gleason

ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO EUROPEAN SALES TEAM

Gleason Corporation recently announced changes to their European Sales organization. Ralf Nierlein has been appointed vice president, sales - Europe, with responsibility for sales activities for all Gleason products in Germany, Austria and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Nierlein has been with the company for nearly 20 years in a variety of leadership positions in the European market.



Ralf Nierlein

Michael Vranic has been appointed vice president, sales - Europe, with responsibility for sales activities for all Gleason products in the remaining European markets, including France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and other countries. Vranic has been with the company for 15 years in various positions at Gleason-Pfauter in Ludwigsburg, Germany, most recently as Sales Director.



Michael Vranic

Udo Stolz, Gleason vice president worldwide sales and marketing, said "Mr. Nierlein and Mr. Vranic are seasoned professionals who will be significant contributors to achieving our mission as The Total Gear Solutions Provider. Their number one priority will be ever-higher customer satisfaction, which will drive growth for our company in this important region."

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