

Appointments and Partnerships

Goodfellow Becomes SU America's President



David W. Goodfellow

David W. Goodfellow became president of SU America Inc. on June 6.

Goodfellow is the former president of American Pfauter Ltd. Partnership and former chairman and president of Pfauter-Maag Cutting Tools Ltd. Partnership. He is vice president and group officer for Meritage Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, CA, and will continue to serve Meritage in his present duties.

According to a press release, SU America teamed June 6 with Meritage national companies and their 30 distribution affiliates in North America to cover that territory, providing North American gear manufacturers with more access to SU America products and services.

SU America is a part of Samputensili S.p.A. of Bologna, Italy and a part of the multinational Maccaferri Industrial Group of companies. Samputensili and its sister company, Hurth Modul in Chemnitz, Germany, produce machines, tools and services for the gear manufacturing industry.

Serving the metalworking industry, Meritage Inc. provides machine tools, engineering, product and application services, and financing.

Brian Cluff Becomes Meritage Vice President

Brian Cluff has joined Meritage Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, CA, as vice president of corporate marketing, according to a press release.

Cluff came to Meritage from Gleason Corp. of Rochester, NY, which he served as vice president of worldwide sales and marketing. In the gear industry more than 35 years, he has worked for

American Pfauter and Pfauter-Maag Cutting Tools. Those companies were purchased by Gleason in 1997.

Cluff is co-author of the gear-manufacturing book, *Gear Process Dynamics*. He has served on the Aerospace Gearing Committee and the Expo Advisory Council for the American Gear Manufacturers Association. He also has served on the IMTS Show Committee for the Association for Manufacturing Technology.

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Mahr to Use Gleason G-AGE Software on PRIMAR Measuring Machine

Gleason Corp. of Rochester, NY, has granted Mahr Federal Inc. in North America and Mahr GmbH outside North America the right to use Gleason's *G-AGE* software on Mahr's PRIMAR form and gear measuring machine.

Besides that non-exclusive right, Mahr also can offer the *G-AGE* user license with the machine.

According to a press release, the PRIMAR MX 4 is best suited for inspecting high-quality gears. Located in Providence, RI, Mahr Federal said when a company manufactures such gears, measuring data must be immediately returned from quality assurance to compensate for errors on the gear-cutting machine. Mahr Federal also said *G-AGE*, developed for Gleason gear-cutting machines, allows for automatic calculating of correction values based on measurement data, helping PRIMAR customers to improve the quality of bevel gears they produce on Gleason machines.

Also, under their agreement, Gleason will offer Mahr's PRIMAR machine as an option to Gleason's customers.

Neil Sawyer Is Named Vice President of Mitsubishi Gear Center



Neil G. Sawyer

Neil G. Sawyer was named vice president of customer service for the Gear Technology Center, a division of Mitsubishi International Corp. The center is located in

Wixom, MI, a Detroit suburb.

According to a press release, in his new position, Sawyer is responsible for all North American service, spare parts and documentation of the company's line of gear-cutting machines and systems.

Sawyer was most recently a sales account manager in the production machinery division of Ingersoll Milling Machine Co. of Rockford, IL.

According to the center's president, Thomas P. Kelly, the center's proactive, service-first philosophy requires a person with experience at all levels of machine tool deployment and uptime management.

"We are now offering several different preventive maintenance programs and spare parts tuneup packages that will improve machine performance and extend uptime," Kelly said. "Neil Sawyer is one of the few people in the U.S. who we felt could launch and manage such an aggressive program."

Timken and Axicon Team Up To Pursue Advanced Gearing Solutions

The Timken Co. of Canton, OH, has teamed with Axicon Technologies Inc. of Pittsburgh, PA, to pursue advanced gearing solutions for automotive and industrial applications that address customers' unmet needs.

According to a press release, the companies will pursue opportunities to pro-

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vide engineering services, license intellectual property and supply high-performing gearing products that offer customers advantages, such as reduced noise levels and improved sound quality.

"This alliance supports our progression into higher value offerings," said Mark J. Samolczyk, Timken's president of precision steel components. "The move into advanced gearing solutions is a natural extension for the company, enabling Timken to leverage its customer relationships, core technologies and manufacturing expertise."

"Axicon's focus has been on providing technology-based solutions for gear and drive train applications," said Mark T. Wyeth, Axicon's president and chief executive officer. "This alliance will allow Axicon to grow its line of product-based solutions and provide a way for us to be even more responsive to our customers' needs."

Gleason Works Names a New Vice President

The Gleason Works of Rochester, NY, has promoted Michael P. Kerwin to vice president of its operations there.

Kerwin is now responsible for the operations' engineering and manufacturing activities. An employee since 1965, he most recently served as director of business integration.

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