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INDUSTRY NEWS

AGMA Elects New Board Chairman



Mr. Bipin Doshi

Bipin Doshi was elected chairman of the board of the American Gear Manufacturers Association at AGMA's 83rd Annual Meeting in Palm Springs, CA. Doshi will preside through March of the year 2000.

"As AGMA moves into the next century," commented Joe Franklin, CAE, president of AGMA, "we are fortunate to have Bipin Doshi as our chairman. Bipin is truly multidimensional—he owns a small business, yet his professional background was at a multinational; he's a general manager, but, by education, he's a scientist; he lives in the heartland of America, but he was born in India. Every constituency in AGMA has an advocate in Bipin—international members as well as those in North America; businessmen and engineers; small companies and large."

Doshi is president and CEO of Schafer Gear Works, Inc., located in South Bend, Indiana. Schafer Gear Works is a custom manufacturer of gear and machined components for the general industrial and automotive markets.

Gleason Names David Burns President and COO

The board of directors of Gleason Corporation (NYSE—GLE) has elected David J. Burns president and chief operating officer of the company. James S. Gleason will remain chairman and chief executive officer of the company.

Burns, 44, has been executive vice president of the corporation since 1995 and previously served as vice president of the Machine Products Group. According to Gleason, "Dave Burns is an invaluable member of our management team. He has more than 20 years of in-depth experience in all aspects of the company's operations and he understands the importance of all the company's key stakeholders including shareholders, customers, employees and suppliers. We are very proud to promote him to the position of president and COO, and look forward to his continued contributions to the company."

Burns is currently chairman of the board of trustees of the American Gear Manufacturers Association Foundation. He is also a member of the Government Relations Committee of the Association for Manufacturing Technology and a director of the West Irondequoit Foundation. He holds an MBA from the William E. Simon Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Rochester and completed his undergraduate degree at St. John Fisher College.

The Gleason Works Achieves QS 9000-TE

The Gleason Works, a Rochester, NY, subsidiary of Gleason Corporation, has earned ISO 9001/QS 9000-TE supplement (tooling and equipment) registration. The Gleason Works is one of the first machinery suppliers to achieve the QS 9000-TE supplement registration.

The TE supplement to the QS-9000 standard is an automotive industry quality system standard designed specifically for manufacturers of machine tooling and equipment and their

non-production materials. The standard was designed to provide for continuous improvement for automotive suppliers, emphasizing defect prevention and the reduction of variation. TE was developed by the Big Three U.S. automakers and was just approved in the fall of 1998. To date, only Daimler-Chrysler has required that their suppliers be certified with the TE supplement by the year 2000.

The Gleason Works began work on implementing the QS 9000-TE quality system in March 1998. All of the other major operating units of Gleason Corporation are currently ISO 9001 certified and are working toward upgrading to the QS 9000-TE over the next 12-18 months.

1999 Machine Tool Consumption Levels Off

February U.S. machine tool consumption totaled an estimated \$341 million, according to the Association for Manufacturing Technology (AMT) and the American Machine Tool Distributors' Association (AMTDA). This was down 2% compared to the revised estimate of \$348 million for January, and down 51% compared to the estimated \$696 million total for February 1998. With the year-to-date total computed at \$688.6 million, 1999 is down 48% compared to 1998. These statistics are computed from reports submitted by companies participating in the United States Machine Tool Consumption (USMTC) report. "January and February orders are down, which is consistent with what forecasters had projected for the beginning of 1999," said Don Carlson, AMT president. "The market appears to be strengthening in line with the second half forecast as demonstrated by the WESTEC show in Los Angeles."

Boeing and Derlan To Make Split-Torque Transmission

The Boeing Company and Derlan Aerospace of Canada have announced an agreement to jointly develop a "split-torque" face gear transmission for the Boeing-manufactured AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopter.

The face gears will be manufactured by Derlan using a patented continuous grinding process that has been developed by Boeing over the last several years. The resulting transmission is expected to weigh less and be capable of transferring more horsepower than the current designs. Initial testing of the transmissions is scheduled to begin within three years.

Goodfellow Resigns from Gleason Corporation

David Goodfellow has resigned his position as president and CEO of Gleason Pfauter Hurth Cutting Tools, formerly Pfauter Maag Cutting Tools. Goodfellow has also resigned his position as senior vice president of Gleason Pfauter Hurth Worldwide Sales. No further details were available at the time of publication. ○

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