

Industry In Motion

SCHAFER GEAR ACHIEVES QS 9000/ISO 9002 STATUS

Schafer Gear Works, a manufacturer of gears and related components for industrial, automotive, agricultural, aircraft avionics and consumer products companies, has met the requirements of the International Standards Organization for its South Bend, IN plant and has been awarded QS 9000/ISO 9002 registration, according to Bipin N. Doshi, Schafer president.

The qualification process, according to Schafer quality assurance manager, Robert Worrell, was undertaken on the company's own initiative. Although not a Tier 1 supplier providing products directly to the end-product manufacturer, but rather through other sub-suppliers, Schafer management initiated the process to improve its own internal performance and to offer its customers the benefits of Tier 1-level quality and service.

IMTS 98 YOUTH SUMMIT PLANNED

It is common knowledge that the machine tool industry faces a shortage of skilled workers—the workforce is getting older and there are not enough young people entering manufacturing to replace them. To meet the need of introducing students to careers in manufacturing technology, a diverse group of industry leaders has planned the IMTS 98 Youth Summit.

The primary aim is to utilize IMTS as a means of attracting students to careers in manufacturing technology. At the show, students will learn that the number of job openings within the industry is high and that beginning precision machinists and toolmakers command impressive salaries. They will also see that grimy, dimly-lit, rust-belt workplaces are history, replaced by high-tech, computer-driven "clean room" environments and that manufacturing desperately needs an infusion of skilled and trainable workers.

Members of the group putting on the IMTS 98 Youth Summit include the American Machine Tool Distributors Association, The Association for

Manufacturing Technology, Focus:HOPE, Gardner Publications, Inc., National Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing, National Institute for Metalworking Skills, National Tooling and Machining Association, Precision Metalforming Association, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Tooling and Manufacturing Association and Vocational Industries of America.

IMTS 98, September 9–16, 1998, at Chicago's McCormick Place, will be the largest International Manufacturing Technology Show in the 71-year history of the event. Over 1,400 exhibitors will showcase 50 million pounds of advanced technology over 1.3 million square feet of exhibit space.

CARBIDE MANUFACTURING CELL HELPS PFAUTER-MAAG CUTTING TOOLS MEET INCREASED DEMAND FOR SOLID CARBIDE HOBS

Faced with unprecedented industry demand for its solid carbide hobs, Pfauter-Maag Cutting Tools has established the industry's first carbide manufacturing cell at its ultra-modern manufacturing facility in Rockford, Illinois.

This dedicated resource, consisting of the most advanced CNC grinding machines available, allows Pfauter-Maag to meet both increased demand and address the special handling and quality issues carbide tool production involves.

TIMKEN STEEL WINS CHRYSLER SUPPLIER AWARD TWO YEARS RUNNING

For the second year in a row, the Timken Company Steel Business has been awarded the Chrysler Corporation's Gold Pentastar Award for exceptional quality, delivery and warranty performance.

"The Timken Company has a reputation for manufacturing quality products," said Dan A. DeMare, senior buyer, Chrysler Corp. "But this award also recognizes its exceptional service and delivery to Chrysler. Once again, Timken's performance—as a supplier and a part-

ner—is deserving of our company's special recognition."

Timken supplies Chrysler with seamless steel tubing used to manufacture gears and races for automatic transmissions.

BALZERS TOOL COATING APPOINTS PETER BJORKMAN PRESIDENT

Balzers Tool Coating, Inc., a supplier of thin film wear protection coatings to manufacturers and users in the metalworking industry, has appointed Peter Bjorkman to the position of president, replacing Roger D. Bollier who left to become president of N.C. Industries. Previously, Bjorkman was



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the president of Balzers Sandvik, a joint venture company in Stockholm, Sweden, serving the wear protection coating market in Scandinavia.

AJAX MAGNETHERMIC APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

Frank C. Wilson has been appointed Director of Marketing for Ajax Magnethermic Corporation. Wilson has been involved in the induction heating business for over thirty years. His experience includes all areas of sales and marketing, as well as technical application and machine design concept expertise.

In his new post, Wilson will be responsible for the four U.S. service centers that provide coil repairs and rebuilds, replacement coils and other maintenance and repair parts and services. Wilson will also provide other marketing services in support of Ajax's sales efforts.

LINDBERG EXPANDS OPERATIONS— RECEIVES QUALITY RECOGNITION

Lindberg Corp. (Nasdaq: LIND), the largest commercial heat treater in the United States, has announced the establishment of its first heat treating facility in Monterrey, Mexico. The site is expected to be fully operational during the second quarter of 1998. "We will process materi-

als for a variety of metal-working customers that were identified in a recent market study," said Leo G. Thompson, president and CEO. "This will establish a base of operations that could expand over time to meet other market needs. We are excited about the opportunities we have discovered in Mexico, particularly in the growing metal-working markets of northern Mexico."

Lindberg also announced the acquisition of Houston Heat Treating Company, which primarily serves the oil and gas industries. Privately held Houston Heat Treating reported sales of about \$6 million in 1997. Terms of the cash deal were not disclosed. "This will be our second division in the Houston market," said Thompson. "Our other recent acquisitions have focused on the aerospace industry. In keeping with our expansion strategy, we are continuing to search for profitable heat-treat businesses serving a variety of industries."

In an unrelated matter, Lindberg Corporation's Industrial Steel Treating Division, located in Huntington Park, CA, has been awarded a letter of compliance to the AS-9000 aerospace quality standard. The division had previously received and continues to maintain ISO-9000 and NADCAP (North American Defense Contractors Accreditation Program) accreditation. Lindberg's Vac-Hyd Division, located in Rancho Dominguez, CA, was the first commercial heat treating operation in North America to receive an AS-9000 letter of compliance in late 1997. The Industrial Steel Treating Division provides heat treating and brazing services for customers primarily in the aerospace industry.

NADCA ASSUMES MANAGEMENT OF THE DIECASTING DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The North American Die Casting Association will assume management of the Diecasting Development Council (DDC), the marketing affiliate of NADCA. The new Executive Director of the DDC will be Leo J. Baran and, under the new management, the DDC will relocate to 9701 W. Higgins Rd., Suite 855, Rosemont, IL 60018-4721. The new

phone number will be 847-292-3625 and the fax will be 847-292-3613.

The DDC's mission stresses the need to expand the North American marketplace for die cast components of all major alloys. It provides design, specification and sourcing assistance to OEMs as well as literature, manuals, video production, regional and on-site seminars and marketing and advertising to help generate qualified sales leads for DDC member companies. ⚙

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