

New Appointments, New Publications

Ash Gear's General Manager Dies

Thomas A. Burkhart, general manager of Ash Gear & Supply, died Aug. 3 of cancer. He was 64 years old.

Mr. Burkhart started work at Ash Gear of Novi, MI, in 1975. In 1977, he created Ash Gear's first product catalog.

Mr. Burkhart was born May 19, 1938, in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from West Jefferson College in Pennsylvania. In 1962, he started in the gear industry in Detroit, at Michigan Tool, a division of Excell-o, and rose to the position of office manager.

Mr. Burkhart worked the past 18 years with his daughter, Patricia Burkhart, Ash Gear's purchasing coordinator.

Gleason Corp. Names CEO

David J. Burns was named CEO of Gleason Corp. of Rochester, NY. He replaced James S. Gleason, who stepped down from that position after 21 years.

Burns has worked in numerous departments at Gleason since he started with the company in 1978. For the past three years, he has served as president and COO. Among his accomplishments are the opening of a new machine tool factory in Rochester and the negotiation of two major acquisitions in Germany, according to the company's press release.

Burns is the third CEO outside the Gleason family in the company's seven-CEO history.

James Gleason will continue as chairman.

Samputensili and Seiwa Merge Sales and Service Activities

Samputensili S.p.A. of Bologna, Italy, and Seiwa Corp. of Shimane, Japan, agreed to consolidate the sales and service activities of their companies.

In Japan, Seiwa will exclusively distribute and service all Samputensili machine tools under the brand name SU SEIWA. Furthermore, Seiwa will represent Samputensili Cutting Tools in southwest Japan.

Existing SU Japan locations will continue to distribute and service Samputensili cutting tools throughout the rest of the country, in collaboration with Seiwa.

Samputensili will distribute the Seiwa hob resharpening and honing machine tools under the SU SEIWA brand name through its sales and service network in Europe and the Americas.

Publication of BGA Handbook

The British Gear Association of Burton-on-Trent, U.K., has published its 2002 buyers guide and member handbook.

The book can be purchased for 10£ (approximately \$6.42) from the BGA.

For more information, contact the BGA by telephone at (44) (1283) 515-521 or on the Internet at www.bga.org.uk.

United Grinding Acquires Ewag USA

All operations of Ewag USA of North Kingstown, RI, will be merged into those of United Grinding Technologies Inc.

Ewag, currently in the business of producing tool-grinding machines and centers, will be classified as a UGT product division that specializes in tool- and cutter-grinding machines. This division will be based in Miamisburg, OH.

The rest of Ewag's business activities will be integrated into the UGT structure as well.

With headquarters in Miamisburg, OH, UGT offers grinding solutions for various types of parts-manufacturing applications, including surface, profile, creep-feed and cylindrical grinding, including I.D., O.D., centerless and superfinishing.

Terms of the merger will be completed by January 1.

Bodycote Opens North American Service Center

Bodycote Thermal Processing opened a facility in Boaz, AL, for case hardening of austenitic stainless steels.

The treatment process, called Kolsterising, can be used in applications such as manufacturing of commercial equipment and automotive components. Under this treatment, carbon is diffused into the workpiece surface without the formation of chromium carbides.

Previously, the treatment was only available from Bodycote's facility in Apeldoorn, Netherlands.

Paul Dymond will serve as North American business development manager for the new operation.

Birchmere Capital L.P. and Wilder Deem Appoint New President

Ian Sadler was hired as president of Birchmere Capital L.P. of Pittsburgh, PA, and Wilder Deem of New York, NY.

Previously, Sadler served as president of the Pennsylvania Foundry Group, a division of Atchison Casting Corp. of Atchison, KS.

In April 2002, Birchmere Capital and Wilder Deem bought Miller Centrifugal Casting Co., which patented the bimetallic casting process used in the worm gear

business. A foundry, Miller Centrifugal is located in Cecil, PA.

Sadler has worked in management positions in quality control, production management and financial turnarounds for 30 years.

With a graduate degree in metallurgy, he has served as manager of metallurgy and quality control for U.S. Steel, vice president of metallurgical services for National Roll Co. and vice president of quality assurance for Blaw Knox Rolls. Currently, Sadler serves as president of the Iron and Steel Society of Warrenville, PA.

NEMA Revises Condensed Motors and Generators Standard

The National Electrical Manufacturers Association has condensed MG 1-2002, *Information Guide for General Purpose Industrial AC Small and Medium Squirrel-Cage Induction Motors*.

New in this revision is information about the NEMA Premium motor efficiency standard, according to the association's press release.

These types of motors can be used in industrial, commercial or military applications.

New Business Development Director Named at HI TecMetal Group

Charles Higgins was appointed as director of new business development at HI TecMetal Group of Cleveland, OH.

With more than 35 years' experience in OEM marketing and management disciplines, Higgins most recently worked with a remanufacturer of material handling and construction equipment driveline components.

Gleason Cutting Tools Expands Gear Shaper Cutter Line

Gleason Cutting Tools Corp. has expanded its gear shaper cutter line with the installation of new CNC form grinding equipment at its facility in Loves Park, IL.

According to the company's press release, this technology will ensure higher levels of accuracy in manufacturing small shanks and special forms as compared to typical manual machine processes.

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