

M&M PRECISION SYSTEMS NAMES NEW GENERAL MANAGER



Wes Blankenship

M&M Precision Systems Corporation of Dayton, Ohio, has appointed Dr. Wes Blankenship general manager of M&M's Dayton operations, overseeing all of the business activities for M&M's Dayton metrology and motion products.

Blankenship has a strong background in both gear manufacturing and metrology systems. Prior to joining M&M, Blankenship served 12 years with General Motors in a variety of technical and leadership roles, most recently as Director, GM Gear Center and engineering group manager for Advanced Powertrain Development. He holds a doctorate in mechanical engineering from Ohio State University.

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NEW TRANSMISSION PLANTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Toyota and General Motors are each building new transmission manufacturing plants in the United States.

Toyota West Virginia has started construction of an automatic transmission plant to complement the new V6 engine facility currently operating at the company's Buffalo, West Virginia site. It is scheduled to begin producing automatic transmissions in early 2001 and will employ an additional 200 workers.

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CHARLES P. COVINO, FOUNDER OF GENERAL MAGNAPLATE CORP., RETIRES AS CEO

Dr. Charles P. Covino has retired as Chief Executive Officer of General Magnaplate Corporation. Dr. Covino will remain as chairman of the board of the company, which he founded in 1952. He will also be available to consult on special projects for the company as needed. Magnaplate's new president and CEO is Candida Aversenti. Edmund Aversenti, formerly vice president for corporate operations, has been made Chief Operating Officer, a position formerly held by Mrs. Aversenti. He remains secretary of the corporation.

Dr. Covino is probably best known as the inventor of HI-T-LUBE®, for which he was awarded one of his 92 patents. With the lowest verified coefficient of friction, HI-T-LUBE® is cited by the *Guinness Book of World Records* as being "the world's most slippery solid lubricant." ⚙



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