

**Sigma Pool Merges All Grinding Activities**

Sigma Pool partners have merged all activities in the field of cylindrical gear grinding under the roof of Liebherr-Verzahntechnik GmbH in Kempton, Germany.

According to the company's press release, the R&D, production and sales for the OPAL/SIGMA OPAL series will be concentrated under Liebherr-Verzahntechnik GmbH, effective immediately. Customers will have only one contract partner for cylindrical gear grinding over the production range, although existing contracts will be fulfilled by their respective partners.

In addition, future service will tap into a larger knowledge base to secure the most effective customer support. The knowledge transfer will be completed at the end of 2006. Klingelberg's service organization is available unrestricted to customers until that time.

The new concentration underlines the core competence of Liebherr for cylindrical gears. Klingelberg, formerly Oerlikon, previously covered the market for small- and middle-series production and will now focus exclusively on large-series production.



**Bates Technologies Acquires Micromatic Textron Line**

Bates Technologies acquired the honing tool and abrasive product line of Micromatic Textron.

Included in the acquisition is the Micromatic tooling and abrasive trade names Microsize® and Microhone®. Bates Technologies will continue these operations under their previous ownership team. In addition to its Indianapolis headquarters, Bates will have operations in Berne and Angola, IN.

Bates Technologies is a resource for superabrasive honing stones and tooling. According to the company's press release, it plans to continue to market a full line of products, including the Micromatic CNC integrated tooling and abrasive system, which allows for complete honing operations without dedicated stationary equipment.

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