

# AGMA Foundation

## WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The AGMA Foundation announced **Mary Ellen Doran** as the Foundation's new executive director. She assumed the role in June 2021.

The appointment comes after the retirement of **Cindy Bennett**, AGMA Foundation executive director, who had held the position since 2014.

Doran is currently the director, Emerging Technology for AGMA and she will hold dual roles for the AGMA and the AGMA Foundation.

"Mary Ellen has more than 20 years of non-profit experience with specific experience in fundraising," states Dean Burrows, chair of AGMA Foundation and president of Gear Motions. "In addition, her outstanding work at AGMA in communications and emerging technology roles, and the positive relationships she has developed over her ten years at AGMA, ensures she is the right fit to move the Foundation forward."

Doran will work with the Foundation Trustees to develop a strategic plan that leans toward the three pillars of the AGMA Foundation: Education & Training; Scholarships; and Emerging Technology specifically tailored for the needs of the gear industry.

"Mary Ellen has the right skill set to help us develop new avenues for fundraising including planned and corporate giving," commented Ruthie Johnston, AGMA Foundation Trustee and president of Croix Gear & Machining. "I look forward to working with her to help sustain and grow the great programs we offer."



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# DVS Technology Group

## MOVES FORWARD WITH NEW MANAGEMENT TEAM

On July 1, 2021, Dr. Christoph Müller-Mederer began his new role as CEO of DVS Technology AG. He was previously a member of the Executive Board as co-CEO since April 1, 2021, for a three-month transitional period. Müller-Mederer shares the management of the mechanical engineering group from Hessen with his fellow board members Stefan Menz (CFO) and Mario Preis (CTDO).

"The reorganization of the management has been planned for some time, and the handover of the reigns was thorough. Now, the time has come to move forward, initiate important and new



developments, and to start writing a new chapter of our success story. I am looking forward to this new challenge," says Dr. Christoph Müller-Mederer on the occasion of becoming the new CEO of the technology group.

The highly experienced executive will focus on five areas in particular:

The further expansion of the DVS Group's internationalization and market penetration, especially in the important Asian and American markets and in the field of future mobility.

Increased focus on solution and customer orientation, in addition to technological expertise. The Group will further strengthen its position as an innovative solution provider.

Sales and service will be further emphasized in the service portfolio to ensure that customers will benefit from the products even more comprehensively and sustainably.

The Group's communication and market presence will be consistently geared towards customers and users, and the Group will present itself as a synergistic unit with a modern image.

Innovation and digitalization in terms of products and processes will be further emphasized. Even today, many customers see our Group as an innovation enabler.

This topic will primarily be the responsibility of Mario Preis, chief technology and digital officer (CTDO). This emphasis as a separate board of management department in conjunction with CEO Müller-Mederer's clear focus on customer orientation is indicative of the direction that the Group will be taking in the coming years: innovative products and processes as well as consistent focus on customers and solutions.

With the appointment of Müller-Mederer as CEO, the current CEO Josef Preis and CSO Bernd Rothenberger will be stepping down and take on an advisory role. "I'm aware of the fact that I have big shoes to fill as the new CEO. But thanks to the outstanding work of my predecessors, many important developments have already been initiated," says Müller-Mederer about the handover. The entire DVS Group thanks Preis and Rothenberger for their decades of forward-thinking management.

The new management will seamlessly continue what the two visionary and pragmatic personalities have successfully created over the last few years.

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# Mitutoyo

## PARTNERS WITH ATLANTIC TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Mitutoyo America Corporation is pleased to have partnered with Atlantic Technical College in Broward County, Florida, as a major supplier and supporter of its machining technology course.



Atlantic Technical College is a magnet school and one of three technical colleges, which are all part of the entire Broward County Public School System. The campus trains junior and senior high school students and adults during the day program. The college also runs a machining apprenticeship program in the evening.

The Machining Technology Class provides students with an industry overview, teaches how to set up and operate machines, including CNC machines, micrometers, and gauges, and provides the basics of CNC programming, use of CAD/CAM processes, and set up and performance of advanced level machining.

“We have seen an increased interest in the program over the last few years, as more students recognize that a trade can be a great long-term career,” states Kevin Finan, the Machining Technology instructor. Finan has been an instructor for eight years after working in the industry for 25 years. “The program is a great opportunity to learn a skill set that is very much needed today.” The program can accept 24 high school students (split between juniors and seniors) and twelve adult students every school year.

Finan was looking to improve the equipment in his classes and specifically wanted to add a CMM to the program. The Mitutoyo MiSTAR 555, which is the company’s newest, fastest, and most compact shop floor CNC CMM is perfect for students to get some experience on.

“Metrology is a significant part of the success of every industry ranging from automotive, medical, aerospace and consumer goods,” states Matt Dye, president of Mitutoyo America Corporation. “Precision measurement provides critical data for improving the manufacturing process, which is why Mitutoyo has a strong focus on helping educate the workforce and future generations at all experience levels. We are excited to support programs such as Atlantic Technical College. This course work will provide invaluable training and help lay the foundation for a successful career path.”

Finan worked directly with Mitutoyo America distributor Chris Sudetic, from Measurement Supply Company to purchase and install the MiSTAR 555 and provide support throughout the process. Additionally, the class also works with other Mitutoyo tools and equipment on the shop floor, including a wide variety of micrometers, calipers, height gages and various other measuring instruments.

“I love working with schools because the future is right on this shop floor, and it’s been especially gratifying to see so many adults learn new skills and find a whole new career for themselves,” Sudetic says. “I totally appreciate a machine trades program that has a large portion of their curriculum dedicated to Metrology; everything from basic hand tool measurement to CMM’s measuring 3D data. We need more of these types of facilities to help fill the multitude of open Quality Control jobs throughout the manufacturing sector.”

Mitutoyo has a long-standing tradition of working with institutes of higher learning. The company has established relationships with trade schools, two- and four-year programs around the United States and continually look for ways to contribute to the advancement of manufacturing in the U.S.

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# Neugart

## RECEIVES SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC SUPPLIER AWARD

Neugart is currently the only company to have received this year's "Schneider Electric Supplier Award" in the "Quality" category. With this award, the French electrical engineering group, Schneider Electric, recognizes outstanding achievements from among its approximately 15,000 suppliers worldwide.

The jury based its decision in favor of Neugart particularly on the "ability of this supplier to deliver high-quality products day after day" and also highlighted the excellent service level.



The two Managing Directors, Bernd Neugart and Thomas Herr, accepted the award on June 3 at a virtual event - on behalf of all employees, as they emphasized: "This award shows once again how important the work and commitment of each individual is. The professionalism of Neugart and the flexibility provided to this internationally positioned company with our products and warehousing close to production makes a significant contribution to Schneider Electric achieving the highest customer satisfaction ratings continually, allowing it to remain competitive in the long term."

As a gearbox manufacturer, Neugart has been one of Schneider Electric's preferred suppliers for many years. The reasons for this longstanding relationship are: first, the expertise gained from over 90 years of experience and more than 400,000 planetary gearboxes delivered worldwide annually. And, secondly, a comprehensive overall package of gearbox hardware, tools, supply chain and services.

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# Compact Orbital Gears

## WINS SMALL EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

Compact Orbital Gears, which has a workforce of 43 based in Rhayader, mid-Wales, was named the Small Employer of the Year at the Apprenticeship Awards Cymru 2021 virtual ceremony.

The company designs, manufactures and develops bespoke gear solutions for aerospace, automotive and clean energy customers. This ability to offer bespoke solutions is key to the company's success.

Tricia Evans, Compact Orbital Gears' financial controller, said the company was delighted to be recognized for its commitment to providing quality apprenticeships.

"We are thrilled to have won the award because it recognizes the dedication of all those involved in the Apprenticeship Program at the company," she added.



"It's a huge achievement for a small, Mid Wales company to be recognized as a top employer of apprentices within the community and testament to everybody involved in the program, including Myrick Training and NPTC Group of Colleges.

"Apprentices are absolutely essential to our business. We have to grow our own skilled employees here in Mid Wales which supports the local community"

Celebrating outstanding achievement in training and apprenticeships, the awards saw 35 finalists compete in 12 categories on June 17.

The awards showcased businesses and individuals who have excelled on the Welsh Government's Apprenticeship and Traineeship Programs and gone the extra mile to achieve success during these unprecedented times.

Jointly organized by the Welsh Government and the National Training Federation for Wales (NTFW), the awards had Openreach, the UK's digital network business and passionate supporter of apprenticeships, as the headline sponsor.

The Apprenticeship Program in Wales is funded by the Welsh

Government with support from the European Social Fund. Welsh Government Apprenticeship Programs have benefitted 5,645 people across Mid Wales since May 2016.

Established in the 1960s, Compact Orbital Gears is proud of its highly skilled workforce, family ethos and long history of recruiting apprentices from within Mid Wales.

The company currently has three apprentices and five other young employees working towards Further Education qualifications. Myrick Training and NPTC Group of Colleges Newtown Campus deliver engineering and business and administration qualifications.

A focus on growing its own pool of skilled engineers is paying off for Compact Orbital Gears at a time when there is a UK shortage. Its Apprenticeship Program provides technical training, supported by in-house specialist instruction with experienced employees sharing their skills and knowledge with apprentices.

Providing opportunities for development ensures that staff turnover at Compact Orbital Gears is very low and the company's long-term aim is to introduce state-of-the-art, computer aided machinery which is ideally suited to apprentice development.

Believing that organic growth is key to the success of the business, the company also provides work placements for university graduates and budding engineers in local schools.

Congratulating Compact Orbital Gears, Minister for the Economy, Vaughan Gething, said: "Our award winners have excelled via the Welsh Government's Apprenticeship and Traineeship programs and gone the extra mile to achieve success during unprecedented and extremely challenging times.

"This Welsh Government has ambitious recovery plans to ensure there is no lost generation as we rebuild a new version of Wales that becomes an engine for sustainable, inclusive growth. I believe apprenticeships will be vital as we emerge from the pandemic.

"That's why the new Welsh Government has committed to creating a further 125,000 Apprenticeship places over the next five years. We are a small country, but we have big ambitions, and our aim is to create a culture in Wales where recruiting an apprentice becomes the norm for employers."

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## API and QTE

### ANNOUNCE METROLOGY PARTNERSHIP

API and QTE Manufacturing Solutions have announced a partnership to make API's laser-based dimensional metrology equipment available through QTE's support network in Missouri, Kansas, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Southern Illinois.

As manufacturing projects continue to scale up in the Midwest and Southcentral US (both in terms of volume and tolerances), demand for comprehensive metrology solutions to support these projects is increasing as well. To match their shared company visions of helping manufacturers be successful and profitable, API and QTE are bringing their areas of expertise together.



API and QTE have been serving customers in every manufacturing industry (from automotive to aerospace to oil and gas and more) for more than 60 combined years, providing high quality dimensional metrology equipment, software, and services. This partnership brings all of those resources under one roof, including API's state-of-the-art Radian Laser Tracker series, and QTE's technical expertise across several major software platforms. For both companies, the partnership, was a natural fit.

"API is very customer focused and that fits with our company values," says Jason Quinn, president of QTE. "Being privately held is important to maintain that concept as a priority, especially compared to the competition. We saw the opportunity to simplify the process for customers by having a one stop shop for local technical expertise on hardware and software."

"QTE has been a valuable support partner for us for years on the software side, so we have seen firsthand their industry experience and technical expertise in manufacturing metrology," says Ron Hicks, API's vice president of North American sales and services. "That experience gave us great confidence that they could provide boots on the ground support for our products and the very important work taking place in Missouri, Kansas, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Southern Illinois."

API's equipment is available for demonstration and purchase throughout QTE's network effective immediately.

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## Emuge

### UPDATES BRAND NAME TO EMUGE-FRANKEN

Emuge Corp. has announced that moving forward, the company brand name will be EMUGE-FRANKEN. With the exception of North America, the EMUGE-FRANKEN brand name has been in use internationally since 1958, when Emuge acquired Franken, a German manufacturer of milling tools. EMUGE-FRANKEN is the leading manufacturer of a wide range of high-performance end mills and has over 100 years of milling innovation, expertise, and experience. The EMUGE-FRANKEN brand in North America will now be associated with the company's full line of cutting tool solutions ranging from taps, thread mills and end mills, to carbide drills, tool

holders, precision workholding/clamping devices, and other rotary cutting tools — over 40,000 manufactured items sold through distributors worldwide.

When Emuge's U.S.A. footprint was established in 1984, the strategy was to initially introduce the marketplace to core Emuge tapping and thread milling products, followed by broader product expansion. The Emuge brand experienced substantially increased awareness, growth and success since then, especially in core threading tools.



“North America became very familiar with the Emuge brand associated with threading tools for years, but the name Franken and associated end mills were known to a lesser extent. However, in recent years our EMUGE-FRANKEN end mill product sales have grown extensively. As we aggressively continue the expansion of our milling tool portfolio including the manufacture of end mills here in the U.S., as well as in Germany, we have decided to formally change the brand name to EMUGE-FRANKEN, as the company is known in Germany and throughout the world,” said Bob Hellinger, president of Emuge Corp. “EMUGE-FRANKEN, the innovator of Circle Segment end mill technology, is dedicated to further developing the end mill program to meet evolving market requirements.”

Today the EMUGE-FRANKEN North American headquarters is a newly expanded 50,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility in West Boylston, MA with a Technology and Training Center, tool reconditioning, and manufacturing, including end mills for advanced machining applications such as aerospace, medical, automotive, energy and more. The facility provides additional capacity to domestically manufacture special solid carbide tooling and other standard solutions within the EMUGE-FRANKEN milling tools portfolio.

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## Index

### ADDS MACHINERY SOLUTIONS AS A DISTRIBUTOR

Index Corporation, as part of its continuing revitalized sales and service initiative, has partnered with Machinery Solutions, Inc. (Lexington, SC), to cover North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia for the leading precision turning machine tool builder.



“Our distributor network plays a vital role in providing a high level of responsiveness at a local level,” said Cris Taylor, president and CEO of Index in North America. “We are very selective in choosing distributors and Machinery Solutions meet the high standards we set for our partners. Their addition to our network will be a significant sales and service asset to Index customers in the southeastern US.”

Well-established experts in its region, Machinery Solutions celebrates 40 years in the machine tool industry this year.

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