


People

20 years of innovation

K3 Business Technology Group, author and supplier of supply chain management, e-business and ERP solutions, has appointed Richard Thomas as marketing director. He has worked in the ERP/CRM sector for 10 years, and his appointment is to support the company's growth plans.

New year appointments at Master Chemical Europe include Ruth Lucas' elevation from general manager to operations director. This board appointment sees her assuming day-to-day responsibility for running MCE. Current MD Simon Fanshawe takes up a post with the Corporation's International Division, but remains on the MCE board, operating from the Needham Market HQ.

Polstore Storage Systems has appointed Andrew Egan as area sales manager for the North and Scotland. He was previously with Plinder Versatool.

M J Technologies, the designer and manufacturer of laser, EDM and ECM special purpose machines, has appointed Mike Holyoake as sales manager. He has worked in EDM sales for the last 15 years including Charmilles EDM.

Hardinge Machine Tools has announced agencies for its Taiwan-built low cost VMC II range. RK International Machine Tools will cover the South of England, South Wales and Isle of Man, and Eurospark the East-West band from Powys, across the Midlands to East Anglia. Agency agreements for other parts of the UK will be made soon. Hardinge Taiwan has capacity to produce 200 VMC units a month.

This year sees the 20th anniversary of toolholding and work holding specialist Weston Engineering Services. Latest addition to the company's range is the Weston-Rotaklick indexing unit. This indexer is positioned by the machine's own CNC using a special tool, so there is no need for any interface with the machine. This keeps the cost down and the absence of cables opens up possibilities on pallet-changing machines. Installation sites include at ABL in Birmingham, for multi-loading machining of small aluminium parts. A Rotaklick unit complete with a 4-sided trunnion fixture was supplied within a three week lead time,

for a Fanuc machining centre from 600 Group. A free 5 minute video on Rotaklick is available from Weston (tel: 01934 645900).

From the inception of the company it was the intention to provide a portfolio of products that would complement each other in providing effective engineering solutions for users of CNC machines. Weston thus provides both standard and special products, the former being the backbone of the company. Most orders for toolholders and collets are despatched same day from stock. The company also provides effective turnkey solutions for lathes or machining centres;



Dry ice system

A fast, environmentally friendly and cost effective method of cleaning almost any type of material can be achieved with the Crynomic dry ice cleaning system. Developed in Belgium, the machine offers industries a way of saving costs on maintenance.

By using dry ice pellets that vaporize to carbon dioxide on impact, the system eliminates the time needed to retrieve the hazardous waste associated with chemical, sand and wet-

blasting systems; and the costs of storage for chemicals. Dry ice cleaning can be used for solving cleaning problems in applications where neither sand nor water/chemicals can, or should, be used. Applications include removal of paint, carbon, grease, resin and adhesives as well as cleaning moulds in the metal, rubber and plastic industries; aerospace, food and printing industries will also benefit.



Successful 3-day event: an open house at Colchester distributor Datamach, based in Coventry, drew orders worth £250k for Tornado and Combi machines

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