

Changes & Expansions

Remains of Ajax Magnethermic Combines With Tocco

The assets of Ajax Magnethermic are being combined with certain assets of Tocco to form Ajax Tocco. This was decided when the operating assets of Ajax Magnethermic Corp. of Warren,

OH, were sold to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Park-OHIO, headquartered in Cleveland.

Tocco Inc., headquartered in Boaz, AL, is an induction heating equipment company.

The affiliation with Park-OHIO pro-

vides the stability to ensure that Ajax Tocco will continue to supply induction heating and melting equipment, according to Ajax Tocco's press release. Ronald J. Cozean will serve as president of Ajax Tocco.

Ajax Magnethermic closed in late June.

New Headquarters for Bodycote Metallurgical Coatings

Bodycote Metallurgical Coatings opened a new North American headquarters in Greensboro, NC. The new building houses a state-of-the-art coating facility.

This plant is equipped with a fully automated, ultrasonic cleaning line and several new physical-vapor-deposition coating lines. New acquisitions include a Hauzer 1200 series PVD coating machine and a Hauzer 1500 series PVD coating machine. Both series provide coating consistency between batches, according to the company's press release.

In addition to coating, Bodycote North America provides heat treating, brazing, hot isostatic pressing and materials testing. The company maintains nearly 70 U.S. facilities.

Gleason Expands Rockford Facility



Gleason Cutting Tools Corp. expanded its production capacity for high precision, CBN-plated wheels used for external and internal, straight and helical, parallel and bevel gear grinding.

According to the company's press

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release, the facility in Loves Park, IL, is very advanced, with an expandable, ultramodern electrolytic and electroless nickel-plating capability currently producing up to 500 wheels per month.

Products available from Gleason Cutting Tools include nondressable grinding and dressing wheels manufactured with hardened steel bodies, precision ground profiles, and nickel-plated single layer CBN or diamond crystals.

A New Midwest Plant for Pioneer Broach

A 20,000 sq. ft. facility in Leroy, MI, was recently completed to house Pioneer Broach Co.'s Midwest division for manufacturing and broaching operations.

The company opened this operation to extend local service to Midwest shops for broach sharpening, reconditioning and complete broach design and manufacturing.

Ken Nemec, previously of Nachi Machining Technology Co. of Macomb, MI, will head the new division as plant manager.

Name Change for British Gear Association

Effective Jan. 1, 2003, the British Gear Association will be known as the British Mechanical Power Transmission Association.

Under the new name, the organization will be able to arrange seminars and projects on topics such as chains, belts, sprockets, bearings, seals and clutches.

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