

Zoller Inc.

INAUGURATES NEW NORTH AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS

Zoller Inc. inaugurated its new North American Headquarters on May 18th, 2018 in the presence of the Zoller family, esteemed architect David Gebhardt, and Paul Krutko, president and CEO of Ann Arbor SPARK. The entire North American employee base and their families and friends also attended the gala celebration event. The new facility encompasses more than 44,000 sq. ft. and houses the U.S. corporate offices including sales, service and administration. In addition the facility features an 8,800 sq. ft. Industry 4.0 Tech Center.

Zoller Inc. is a third generation family owned company that was founded in Germany in 1945 by Alfred Zoller. Alexander Zoller, president of ZOLLER Inc. was the visionary to execute the expansion plan for the new North American Headquarters.

“Our new Headquarters underscores our commitment to our customer base in North America and will ensure a superior customer service and aftersales experience for our existing and target customers”

Zoller is a market leader in presetting and measuring technology, and offers smart innovative solutions for manufacturing processes. These solutions range from design to machined part, and the entire Zoller product line, is available for training and demonstration at the new facility. Presetting and measuring machines and spare parts are stocked in the warehouse to ensure rapid delivery to customers across the U.S., Canada and Mexico once machine or service orders are placed. In addition to hardware such as presetting and measuring machines, universal measuring machines, robotic solutions, and tool cabinets, Zoller also offers relevant software solutions to prepare production companies for the smart manufacturing of the future and increase digitization with a consistent, clearly structured database.

Innovation is a part of everyday life at Zoller and the company has long recognized the opportunities computer technology afforded for the manufacturing sector. Therefore Zoller Inc. also has established an in-house software development team, whose expertise is constantly focused on the needs and requirements of their customers in North America.

(www.zoller-usa.com)



Siemens Award

GOES TO INDEX GROUP

With the delivery of an Index MS22-8 multi-spindle automatic lathe to Paul Bippus GmbH & Co KG in Oberndorf am Neckar, Germany, Index-Werke sold the 1000th license of its innovative “Virtual Machine” product. Siemens AG took this proud number as an opportunity to honor the Esslingen-based lathe manufacturer. On Thursday, April 26, 2018, Jürgen Köhler, division head of Digital Factory Germany, visited the Index Open House with a delegation to present the Siemens Award in the form of a glass cube with the hologram of a “Virtual Machine”.

Dirk Prust, technical managing director, and Eberhard Beck, head of control technology, accepted the award on behalf of all employees involved in the Index Virtual Machine. Paul Bippus GmbH & Co KG, specializing in turned parts production and purchaser of the 1000th license, was also present at the award ceremony. Martin Melzer, head of production at Bippus, received a glass cube as well.

Index’s Virtual Machine is a digital 1:1 copy of a real machine. Tried and tested for years, this proven Industry 4.0



(Left to right) Jürgen Albrecht, Dirk Prust, Eberhard Beck, Martin Melzer, and Jürgen Köhler.

product offers great potential for increasing productivity. With Virtual Machine, the user can virtually plan, test and even optimize in advance new startups and machining processes, away from production, in real time and with 100% transferability to the real machine. Possible problems can be detected at an early stage so that there is enough time to remedy them. As a result, setup times and downtime in ongoing production are reduced, while safety and cost-effectiveness increase. Index-Werke won only in December 2017 the "100 Places for Industry 4.0" award of the state of Baden-Württemberg for its "Virtual Machine" product. (www.siemens.com, www.index-werke.de)

JTEKT Toyoda Americas Corporation

ADDS PHILLIPS CORPORATION TO DISTRIBUTION NETWORK

JTEKT Toyoda Americas Corporation recently announced that Phillips Corporation was added to their distribution network. Phillips's full-service, 45-person sales force and 98-person service team will support Toyoda customers in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, and the Florida Panhandle.

Having technical showrooms in 5 of the 8 southeastern states served, Phillips stands by their mission to be the best resource in manufacturing technology, for Toyoda CNC owners. For more than 50 years, the company has built a dedicated fleet of expert staff vested in continuous improvement of high performance results on a localized level.

In addition to carrying JTEKT Toyoda America's entire line of CNC machines (horizontal and vertical machining centers, bridge-type mills, turning centers, grinding machines and automation solutions), Phillips offers engineering and application support. JTEKT Toyoda Americas looks forward to working with the entire team at Phillips Corporation throughout their new endeavors carrying Toyoda and Takisawa Taiwan machining centers. (www.toyoda.com, phillipscorp.com)

Star SU

ANNOUNCES RICCARDO RUBINO AS OPERATIONS MANAGER

Star SU of Hoffman Estates, IL formally announces the appointment of **Riccardo Rubino** as its new operations manager for the Americas.

"Riccardo brings operations and supply chain leadership experience from positions held both in the U.S. and Italy. He will work closely with me overseeing operations starting with for the Star SU



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Hoffman Estates and Star SU Federal de Mexico and taking over the quality control for those operations. I am confident in Riccardo's experience in his previous leadership role will help lead our team in continuous growth and enhance operational activities," says David Goodfellow, president of Star SU LLC.

Rubino has spent the last six years building a career surrounding operations, procurement, sales and product management with Somaschini North America (South Bend, IN) and Somaschini Automotive (Bergamo, Italy). He earned a BS and MS in Industrial and Management Engineering while studying in Italy. (www.star-su.com)

Kitagawa ANNOUNCES REGIONAL SALES MANAGER

Kitagawa North-Tech, Inc., standard chucks, advanced chucks, custom engineered workholding and steady rests manufacturer, has announced **Mike Roberts** of ITEX Workholding, has joined the company as regional sales manager for the southwest region of the United States. His territory includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. Roberts, a seasoned veteran in oil and gas workholding chucks, will be selling and supporting Kitagawa's complete offering with a focus on oil and gas workholding.



Robert's has had a longstanding history and connection to Kitagawa Chucks starting with his first inside sales position in the machine tool and workholding industry. In 1990, Roberts started his career at Rex Supply, Machine Tool and Workholding Division as a master distributor representing Kitagawa NorthTech chucks. The Rex Workholding Division was later acquired by Regal Machine and Roberts continued in a sales capacity for the company. In 1997, he co-founded ITEX Workholding in Cypress Texas, specializing in serving the workholding needs and requirements of oil and gas tool manufacturers and services companies. ITEX was a master distributor of Kitagawa Chucks and the exclusive North American importer of Noble heavy duty brand manual chucks.

"It was an easy decision to merge ITEX Workholding operations with Kitagawa NorthTech, partially because of the long-lasting and successful relationship we've had for almost 30 years. Kitagawa also has an enduring heritage, great Chuck brand and reputation for manufacturing and engineering superior workholding for the metalworking industry and we believe they are a great fit for customers in oil and gas country," Roberts said.

Roberts resides in South Texas and will be report out of Kitagawa NorthTech's headquarters and full-service manufacturing facility for the Americas based in Schaumburg, IL. The Kitagawa NorthTech facility features in-house design, custom engineering, manufacturing and repair services for Kitagawa Workholding and other brands. (www.kitagawa.us)