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Business briefs

KJ Electric buys Electro-Mech divisions

Ken Jacobs, owner and CEO of **KJ Electric** in Syracuse, N.Y., has purchased the electric motor and repair divisions of **Electro-Mech Systems Group**, originally located in Niagara Falls, N.Y. With this acquisition, KJ Electric increases its repair capabilities in its Buffalo-area location by acquiring the equipment and inventory along with the repair personnel that was a part of the Electro-Mech Systems Group.

"This is an exciting merger for KJ Electric," says Jacobs. "It allows us to better service our customers in the Buffalo Area."

With the merging of the two companies, KJ Electric will have a full service repair shop in its Tonawanda location, just outside Buffalo. The company will be acquiring repair equipment such as a crane, lathes, and balancing stands, in addition to the inventory that was previously stocked at Electro-Mech.

"We have gained all of the electric motor repair equipment and inventory," says Jacobs. "But more importantly, we have also gained employees who have years of knowledge in the industry, which is the most important tool you can have."

The employees who were working at Electro-Mech as repair workers will now be employed at KJ Electric full time. The previous owner, Greg Barker, will manage the repair shop during the transition period and after.

"Exciting things are happening in our Buffalo Location," says Jacobs. "Service to our customers and Electro-Mech's customers has been and will continue to be our main priority."

Regal buys Italian hazardous-duty motor maker

Regal Beloit Corp. of Beloit, Wis., has reached an agreement to acquire **Cemp**, s.r.l., of Milan, Italy, a manufacturer of hazardousduty motors.

"Earlier today, we signed an agreement to acquire Cemp, a European-based electric motor manufacturer that produces specialty flame-proof motors primarily for oil and gas and marine applications," said Mark Gliebe, chairman and CEO of Regal Beloit, in late October. "With revenues of approximately \$35 million, Cemp will fit in well with our existing European footprint and aid in our efforts to grow profitably in Europe." Established in 1954, the company has broadened its product line to include flame-proof motors with brakes, electric pumps for printing machines, and flame-proof motors for Group IIC gases, as well as for mining.



A 250,000 lb. gear is fit for a gold mine

Rexnord of Milwaukee, a manufacturer of industrial machines and components, has completed the manufacture of its largest Falk Ring Gear in weight and horsepower—250,000 pounds and 24,000 horsepower (18 MW). The six-part ring gear will be used to refine material in a gold mine in the southwestern U.S. With manufacturing beginning in April 2012, nearly 100 Rexnord associates took part in making the giant gear a reality. "From engineering, through the foundry and the machine shop, Rexnord associates have worked efficiently with the customer to produce a high-quality, high-power gearing solution," said Dave Olson, director of commercial operations, mill products. —Rexnord photo