

CAPABILITIES

Metal Craft Machine & Engineering (Elk River, Minnesota) has added *7-axis CNC grinding services* to its list of offerings.

MedSource Technologies (Minneapolis, Minnesota) added a *new EDM machine, hole popper capabilities*, and an additional *high-speed vertical milling center* at its Brimfield, Massachusetts plant. At its Orchard Park, New York facility, a *Citizen M turning center* has been dedicated to prototyping.

Windsor Beach Technologies (Erie, Pennsylvania) has added five new *Okuma CNC milling machines*, raising its complement to a total of 18 machines; a third *Swiss turning machine* capable of thread whirling for bone screws; a *laser marking machine*; a *CNC water jet cutting machine* with 4' x 8' table; and an *automated deburring machine*.

CERTIFICATIONS

Bates Machine (Elkhart, Indiana) will be receiving a final audit from NSF-ISR for its *ISO 9001:2000 certification* in April.

Beere Precision Medical Instruments (Kenosha, Wisconsin) has received *ISO 13485 certification*. BPMI received its audit from BSI Inc., an affiliate of The British Standards Institution. This registration is specifically for medical device manufacturers and addresses regulatory requirements associated with the design and manufacture of medical devices.

Dayton Reliable Tool & Mfg. Co. (Dayton, Ohio) has been *re-certified to ISO-9001:2000* and *upgraded to AS9100:2001*.

Friedrich Daniels GmbH (Solingen, Germany) has received *ISO 9001:2000 certification*.

Matrix Tooling, Inc. and **Matrix Plastic Products** (Wood Dale, Illinois) have successfully transitioned from the ISO 9000:1994 to the *ISO 9000:2000 quality standard*. The scope of the certification includes the companies' mold design, moldmaking, plastic injection molding and inspection operations.

Metal Craft Machine & Engineering has received *ISO 9001:2000 certification*.

Stealth Medical Technologies (Holt, Michigan) is *transitioning to the ISO 9000:2000 quality standard* at its Corporate Headquarters in Holt and also at its Coating Division in Collierville, Tennessee. The Holt facility is currently registered to the ISO 9000:1994 standard and will begin to transition to the new standard with its next audit with Perry Johnson Registrars, Inc. in April. The Collierville plant had a *pre-assessment audit* with PJR in November 2002 and is aiming for a registration audit during the second quarter of 2003.

COLLABORATIONS

Diamicron (Orem, Utah) signed an agreement with Exactech to develop and market *diamond technology for total hip implants*.

The agreement provides Exactech with worldwide rights to Diamicron's polycrystalline diamond compact technology.

FACILITIES

DEW Technologies (Fairborn, Ohio) is completing construction of *upgraded quality control, inspection and passivation cells*. Its inspection cell includes the addition of a new *Coordinate Measuring Machine*.

MedSource Technologies completed a *30,000 sq. ft. expansion* to its Corry, Pennsylvania plant and added *plastic injection molding and controlled environment assembly* to the facility's metal injection molding capabilities. The Brooklyn Park, Minnesota facility recently *added 10,000 sq. ft.* that includes controlled environment *plastic injection molding capabilities* with experience molding PEEK for spinal applications. The Laconia, New Hampshire facility is underway with a *10,000 sq. ft. expansion* to increase capacity in the assembly and packaging area. The 38,000 sq. ft. Navojoa, Mexico assembly facility successfully *passed a recent FDA audit*.

Windsor Beach Technologies has doubled the size of its facility (to 20,000 sq. ft.) with a *10,000 sq. ft. expansion*.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ensinger-Hyde (Washington, Pennsylvania) now stocks white modified polypropylene plate; smoke translucent and opaque Radel R5500 sheet; acetal copolymer colored rod; Ultem 1000, and Radel R5500 for orthopedic trial components.

In'Tech Medical (Rang du Fliers, France) recently launched a *rapid prototyping service* (to date, utilized on 20 major projects) that outputs prototypes in record time of ten to 25 days, depending upon instrument complexity. The company also introduced a *generic line of instruments* designed to facilitate the latest techniques in spine and orthopedic surgery. Incorporating compressors, distractors, benders and related instruments, the line provides instrument marketers with a comprehensive set of instruments that can quickly be incorporated into a system launch. Instruments are CE-marked and ISO 9002/EN 46002-compliant.

Intensifying its focus upon high value-added products, **Sandvik Specialty Steels** (Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania) has changed its name to **Sandvik Materials Technology**. **Peter Gossas** has been appointed *President* of the new business area. Sandvik Materials Technology will comprise five product areas: Tube, Strip, Wire, Kanthal and Process Systems. Overall, the business area has about 8,000 employees and annual sales of approximately SEK 14,500 M.

Sterilization Cassette Systems (Indianapolis, Indiana) announced a *new program for OEM manufacturers* at the AAOS in New Orleans. A "Sterilization Validation Guarantee" states that instrument sets designed by SCS can be processed in

sterilization wrap in standard hospital sterilization cycles without requiring extended drying time.

PERSONALITIES

MedSource Technologies has hired **Rolf Dahl** as *Vice President of Business Excellence*. In his role, Mr. Dahl will manage MedSource's initiative to implement a company-wide continuous improvement process that combines elements of lean manufacturing, Six Sigma, and NIST's Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award criteria. He joins MedSource after a 16-year career with Cummins, most recently serving as Executive Director for Cummins Power Generation Americas Operations.

Stealth Medical Technologies

William Frey has joined the company as *Chief Operating Officer*. Bill was most recently employed by Keystone Consulting Group, a Chicago-based management consulting firm. While with Keystone, Bill spent six months working at Stealth, helping them analyze critical operational areas and implement strategic solutions throughout the company. As a result, he brings an intimate understanding of Stealth and its potential. A native of New England, Bill received a B.S. from the University of Massachusetts-Boston, an M.A. from The University of Wisconsin-Madison, and an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan.

Joe Zuzula, *Director of Quality*, has assumed new responsibilities as *Director of Sales, Marketing and Quality*. Joe will play a key role in Stealth's expanded sales effort and will oversee the company's marketing projects including print, video and web-based programs.

Jim Fillingham has been promoted to the newly-created position of *Assistant Director of Production*. Jim will oversee forge, machining and grind operations and will report directly to **Ed Van Note**, *Director of Production*. Jim has been with Stealth for over four years, most recently serving as Production Coordinator.

Matt Waligorski has been promoted to the position of *Quality Control*

Supervisor. Prior to this promotion, Matt was a Quality Control Inspector at Stealth for over two years.

RECOGNITIONS

Metal Craft Machine & Engineering received "*Supplier of the Year*" recognition from Wright Medical Technology.

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